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Hangebi joins unity government supporters

Jerusalem Post Staff
Justice Minister Tzahi Hangebi yesterday publicly came out in support of a national unity government, during Israel Radio's evening show *Tofsim Kivun*. Hangebi's call carries special weight, since he figures prominently within Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's most immediate circle. Asserting that a unity government is now "a necessity," Hangebi said that Netanyahu and opposition head Ehud Barak have ways to discuss this issue even before an official invitation for such a move is actually issued. The justice minister, who, together with Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and Science Minister Michael Eitan, forms Netanyahu's hard-core support within the cabinet, added that in his view, Barak and the prime minister can reach agreement on major issues relating to the peace process. Following last year's election, the idea of a broad government was explored jointly by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and former prime minister Shimon Peres. That initiative was dismissed at the time across the political spectrum as a last-ditch attempt by both to salvage their personal political fortunes. The idea has resurfaced, however, in the wake of the recent terror attacks. Speaking on television following the Ben-Yehuda Street suicide bombings earlier this month, Third Way MK Yehuda Harel said a unity government was "inevitable," and the only question was whether one would be formed before or after "the next disaster." Ideologically, too, a Labor-Likud coalition now appears more possible than it seemed immediately following Netanyahu's rise to power, considering that Netanyahu has since then dealt openly with the Palestinian Authority and its chairman, Yasser Arafat. Moreover, Netanyahu's talk this year of an "Allon-Plus" deal on a permanent settlement between Israel and the Palestinians signaled a break from traditional Likud dogma on territorial compromise, and brought him at least theoretically closer to Barak's views. Within Labor, Barak's major ally, Uzi Baram, last week softened his previously uncompromising opposition to a national unity government, saying there may be circumstances under which he would espouse the idea. Shimon Peres also remains in favor, though it isn't clear whether he would be a member in a Netanyahu-Barak cabinet, should one be formed.

Arafat: US accepts Ras al-Amud solution 'a farce'

By ELLI WOHLGELERTER, HILLEL KUTTNER, and news agencies
News agencies
Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat accused Israel yesterday of resorting to "the lowest means" to try to assert its control over eastern Jerusalem and called the Ras al-Amud compromise "a farce." He indicated that the Ras al-Amud dispute with Israel is far from over. Arafat, in a speech at the Cairo-based Arab League, also urged the US to make greater efforts to save the peace process, including supporting the creation of a Palestinian state. Arafat is due to visit Jordan today to discuss Ras al-Amud with King Hussein. "[Israel] is resorting to the lowest means in order to achieve its aims including the forging of property documents," Arafat told the league's meeting of foreign ministers. He said that the Israeli government is trying to assert its control over Jerusalem through settlement plans, forging of property documents, confiscation of Palestinian identity cards and the closure of the territories. Arafat said Thursday's agreement on Ras al-Amud to replace Israeli families with students was "a way for Israel to set up a base for settlers." He condemned the entry of Jews into the Arab neighborhood in Jerusalem as a "violation of all the agreements" and said he would insist on the "evacuation of the settlers." "Over the past few days we have been witnessing the farce of the occupation of Palestinian houses in Ras al-Amud by settlers, and the procrastination of the Israeli government in handling this issue," Arafat said. "We need practical, political and economic... efforts to protect these sacred places from the dangers of Judaization, expansion and control." Arafat said he welcomed US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to the region earlier this month but he wanted more from the US.



A border policeman pushes a Palestinian youth away as he takes down an Israeli flag yesterday from the roof of a building in Ras al-Amud while a young woman tries to replace it with a Palestinian flag. (Reuters)

The United States announced on Friday that it accepts Israel's solution to the dispute over Ras al-Amud, saying it had been assured that the status of the Jerusalem neighborhood would not change. The US State Department advised the Palestinian Authority to realize that its chief concerns had been dealt with, and urged the PA to limit its reaction. "Our main concern that the nature of this neighborhood would not change over time appears to have been met and we have received assurances [from the Israeli government] that it will not be changed over time," spokesman James Rubin said. "As far as the teams of students who may be in a caretaker status there to maintain the building, that does not strike us at this time as changing the character of the neighborhood, changing the status quo in any serious way" and does not represent "the kind of significant unilateral act that we were calling for both sides to avoid," he said. The US understands that the 10 yeshiva students who replaced the Jewish families in Ras al-Amud would "operate in shifts but would not live in the house," Rubin said. "Our understanding is that the families... will not be permitted back. Furthermore, there will be no construction in the neighborhood," he said. Rubin said Washington was not surprised that the Palestinians were upset by the deal. "The fact that the PA is concerned about this is not a surprise to us, but we hope that as they understand better the extent to which the main concern of the Palestinians, that the character of the neighborhood not change over time has been met, and that we have received assurances that it will not—that the reaction will be as limited as possible," he said. "So we would hope that as Chairman [Yasser] Arafat and the PA look at what I just said, that they will realize that we will be working

to see that the assurances that we received are implemented and followed through on, and that therefore their main concern will be dealt with." Meanwhile, fears of a widespread Arab riot over the Jewish presence in Ras al-Amud failed to materialize over the weekend, but sporadic demonstrations occurred in and around the capital, with police firing bullets and tear gas at stone-throwing Palestinian schoolchildren. No injuries were reported in that incident. Stones were also thrown in Silwan, with police reporting no injuries and no damage. At Ras al-Amud, Peace Now demonstrators held up signs and chanted slogans calling on the yeshiva students to leave. At one point protesters began pushing forward, but they were shoved back by police. Two left-wing activists were held for questioning after they spray-

City, and extra roadblocks were set up to check identity cards of Palestinians headed for Al Aksa. "No one is happier than I am that after so difficult, so tense, so sensitive a week with so much expectation perhaps of bloodshed... that no one was harmed in Jerusalem, neither Arab nor Jew," Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said. Faisal Hussein, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said the PA discouraged wild protests because it didn't want the agenda to shift from the Jewish presence in Ras al-Amud to the issue of violence. "To stir up events at Al Aksa would have been wrong... If one rock was thrown at the [Western] Wall, the whole world would forget the issue of the settlements," he said. Hussein said that the Palestinians would maintain a protest vigil outside the Jewish compound. "We are here to make sure there is no expansion," he said at the site, where he was joined by dozens of residents and activists, including Yuval Rabin, son of late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said Friday that he was certain a Jewish enclave would eventually be established in Ras al-Amud. "It is an irreversible process," Olmert told Army Radio. Meanwhile, Yitzhaki was asked by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, who is in charge of holy sites, to increase security at the Mount of Olives cemetery, for fear of Arab desecration of graves. Rabinowitz made the request after receiving a letter from burial society officials expressing concern that friction in the neighborhood—Ras al-Amud abuts the ancient cemetery—might lead to more grave desecration.

Police brass resolve command-chain dispute

By ELLI WOHLGELERTER and news agencies
Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz apologized yesterday to Jerusalem Police Commander Yair Yitzhaki after allegedly accusing Yitzhaki of concealing advance knowledge that Jewish families would move into Ras al-Amud. Meeting at the home of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, Hefetz said that the accusation carried by Channel 1 on Friday night stemmed from a misunderstanding. Yitzhaki said he had had no intention of keeping information from Hefetz, and that he was under the impression that Hefetz knew what was going on. Kahalani denied that Yitzhaki knew when the families would move in before they did so last Sunday night. He said that Yitzhaki had told him that the move may occur but that he didn't know when. The minister added that he "didn't find any attempt by Yitzhaki to bypass Hefetz." "His considerations were professional, and I am glad the meeting in my house contributed to bringing the situation back to normal. We are dealing with very good officers who are very dedicated to their work," Kahalani said. Hefetz expressed regrets that statements over his anger at Yitzhaki were published. He also praised Yitzhaki for the hard police work done in Jerusalem over the past week. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid accused Kahalani on Friday of personally helping the settlers enter the house and of knowing exactly when they would arrive. Sarid also alleged that Kahalani had been in touch with Moskowitz and his people, and that he had even ordered Yitzhaki to escort the families into the house. **See POLICE, Page 2**

Clinton funding to be probed

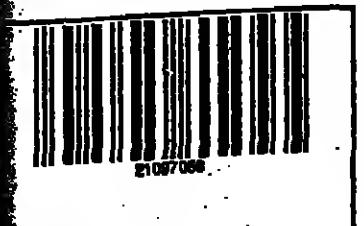
SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters)—The Justice Department is reviewing allegations that President Bill Clinton made improper fund-raising phone calls from the White House, seeking to decide whether to appoint a special prosecutor, US officials said yesterday. "The Justice Department is reviewing whether allegations that the president illegally solicited campaign contributions on federal property should warrant a preliminary investigation under the independent counsel act," Justice Department spokesman Myron Martin said. The president has said he does not remember whether he made any political fund-raising phone calls, and the White House believes that Clinton is exempt from the law barring federal employees from soliciting campaign contributions on federal property. "We understand the Department of Justice is in the process of determining whether a preliminary investigation is warranted," Lanny Davis, White House special counsel, said in a statement. "We are cooperating and we will continue to cooperate with the Department of Justice to ensure it has all the information it needs. We are confi-

dent that no laws were broken." Clinton's private attorney David Kendall said in a statement issued in Washington: "No laws were broken and any kind of enforcement action would be absolutely unprecedented. We intend to cooperate with the Department of Justice and this matter should be resolved speedily." The news broke on a day when Clinton was seeking to raise \$950,000 for the Democratic party at three fund-raising events in San Francisco. The preliminary 30-day review of allegations against Clinton began sometime in the past five days and was approved by Attorney-General Janet Reno, a Justice Department source said. After the 30 days are up, Reno must decide whether to proceed to a formal 90-day investigation of the matter. **See CLINTON, Page 2**

UK braces for reform after Welsh devolution

LONDON—First, the Scots voted themselves a parliament. Then, the Welsh mustered a bare majority for an assembly. But when it comes to changing the old political order, Britain's freshly-elected Labor Party is just getting started. Prime Minister Tony Blair is transforming the way Britain will govern itself, putting forward the most radical constitutional proposals since the 1920s, when women received the vote and the Irish state was established. Blair is adding more local government, mulling a change in the voting system, and fashioning legislation that could break decades of government secrecy. Some claim that his initiatives could lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom, which comprises England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Others, though, say Blair's way will cement the diverse parts of this nation with a population of 58 million. "In the United States, there are lots of checks and balances built into the system. We don't have them," says Robert Hazell, head of the Constitution Unit at University College London. "We don't have a Bill of Rights, Supreme Court or separation of powers. So the constitutional reform agenda is all about building some checks and balances into our democratic dictatorship." In selling his program to the British people, Blair sounds a lot like US politicians. "The era of big centralized government is over," he declared earlier this month. "This is a time of change, renewal and modernity. This is the way forward." In two votes in a week, the British embarked on the new era.

Scotland approved a 129-member parliament with the ability to make laws and raise or lower income taxes by up to 3 percent. And in a cliffhanger Thursday, Wales agreed to create a 60-member assembly to parcel out a block grant from the central government. Both new parliaments will be seated by 2000, pending almost certain approval from Britain's parliament. The demoralized Conservatives, driven out of power in May after 18 years, have offered only token opposition in the Home Rule debate. The Tories claim that with Home Rule, the Scots and Welsh will bid for outright independence and thus bust apart a country created over the centuries from war and deal-making. But Blair and his supporters see the Home Rule issue as a way to keep the country intact. "I do not regard changing the way we are governed as an afterthought, a detailed fragment of our program," Blair said before becoming prime minister. "I regard it as an essential part of new Britain, of us becoming a young, confident country again." There's more. He has promised London a referendum on creating a mayor with a powerful assembly. England could be presided over by nine regional development agencies to oversee economic expansion, health care and planning. The Northern Ireland peace process also is linked. A 98-strong assembly has been proposed to rule the province, if a peace deal can be sealed by those representing the majority Protestants and the minority Roman Catholics. **See WELSH, Page 3**



NEWS

in brief

More workers' sanctions today

Thousands of workers are expected to stage sanctions today to press demands for the Treasury to amend its economic reform plan. National Insurance Institute employees will not hold office hours, answer phones or collect fees, although child allowances, old-age pensions, and survivors' benefits were expected to be paid on schedule.

Municipal workers are expected to strike in Kiryat Shmona, and at the Mevo'ot Hermon and Azata regional councils.

A demonstration of 1,000 is planned for 10 a.m. outside the Prime Minister's office. Protests are also being held at the Sakharov entrance to Jerusalem, the Harel junction, Denya Square, and the Valley of the Cross, the Givat Ram and French Hill junctions. *Itm*

2,000 more Palestinians given work permits

2,000 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and an additional 2,000 from the West Bank will be allowed to enter Israel for work as of this morning, the IDF Spokesman announced last night. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

State Attorney's Office appeals Ben-Ari decision

The Supreme Court heard an appeal by the State Attorney's Office on Friday against a ruling by Jerusalem District Court to release Zvi Ben-Ari (formerly, Gregory Lerner) to house arrest. Ben-Ari has been charged with bank fraud, blackmail, and attempted blackmail. Prosecutors had argued that Ben-Ari could flee the country if released from custody.

Justice Theodor Or said he would announce his decision later this week. Until then, Ben-Ari will remain in custody. *Itm*

Lebanese TV workers held for dealing with Israel

Two employees of the Christian Middle East Television station based in South Lebanon were arrested by the Lebanese army for allegedly dealing with Israel, security sources said yesterday.

On Friday, the US station owners, Christian Broadcasting Network of Virginia, said that journalist Shakeeb Aghaa and electrical engineer Butros Khoury were stopped at an army checkpoint. They were questioned, then blindfolded and taken to a Defense Ministry prison in east Beirut. *Reuters*

Channel 2: Arafat seriously ill

Channel 2 reported Friday that Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat suffers from a serious illness and that the search for a successor has begun.

People close to Arafat denied the report, saying the 68-year-old is in good health.

Channel 2, citing Western intelligence sources, said Arafat's illness affects his muscle control, but not his mental condition. The television rebroadcast segments from an interview with Arafat conducted last week in which the Palestinian leader's lower lip quivered uncontrollably.

The tremor is only one symptom of the disease, said Channel 2 reporter Yoram Binur. He didn't identify the illness. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Netanyahu asks Burg and Milo to plan congress

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asked Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg and World Likud chairman Ronni Milo at the end of last week to reach agreement on dividing responsibility for an agency congress to be held at the end of the year.

Netanyahu assured Burg, a Labor Party member, that his post would be secure for two years, at which time he would step down in favor of a Likud candidate. *Itm*

Police arrest four in 'family honor' killing

Police suspect that a 28-year-old woman from Jerusalem's Beit Hanina neighborhood was murdered by her father and two brothers because she kept getting into debt and was often seen in the company of men.

Amal Karakha, divorced and the mother of a small boy, was found dead on the shores of the Dead Sea in July. She was identified by fingerprints.

During an investigation, police learned that the woman's family had often hit her and threatened her if she did not change her behavior.

Her father, brothers and nephew were arrested and were ordered held in custody by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. *Itm*

Jordanian drowns off Tel Aviv shores

A 30-year-old Jordanian man drowned at the Dolphinarium Beach in Tel Aviv yesterday. A Magen David Adom doctor pronounced him dead at the scene. Police are investigating. *Itm*

Two killed in road accident near Rehovot

Two people were killed in a traffic accident Thursday night by Masmiah Junction near Rehovot. Two others sustained light to moderate injuries. *Itm*

Jordan police bar activists from militant's home

Jordanian riot police yesterday thwarted a bid by nearly 70 political activists to visit the home of detained Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheh.

As the members of left-wing, nationalist and Islamic parties approached the house in an Amman suburb, about 20 riot policemen poured out of a police van and rushed toward them waving batons.

The activists retreated, but one Islamic Action Front legislator Abdul-Aziz Jaber, was pushed and manhandled by riot officers. Nobody was injured or arrested. The activists called off their visit. *AP*

Lithuania to try suspected war criminal soon

Haifa's Chief Rabbi She'ar Yashuv Cohen said he had been assured by Lithuanian officials that suspected Nazi war criminal Alexander Lileikis would be prosecuted by October.

Cohen spoke after returning from Vilnius, where he headed a rabbinical delegation at a conference marking the 200th anniversary of the death of the Vilna Gaon. *Itm*

Daylight saving time set for 1998

Next year, daylight saving time will begin on March 19 and last through September 6, the Interior Ministry has announced. The date was decided during consultations between Interior Minister Eliahu Suissa and the Knesset Interior Committee, a ministry statement said. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of **SHLOMO HAREVEN** 71, loving and beloved husband, father and grandfather of Ade Hareven, Nina, Shlomo, Ayelet and Avi Raz; Michael, Rachel, Dorit and Assaf Hareven. The funeral will take place today, Sunday, September 21, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sede Yehoshua (Neveh David) cemetery, Haifa. Mourners will meet at the Oren gate. Shiva at home of Ade Hareven, Hatamar 31, Haifa

Samaria terror cell uncovered

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The General Security Service, IDF and police have uncovered an Islamic Jihad terrorist cell that had been operating in the Samaria region, the security forces announced on Friday.

Security forces suspect the cell members killed Israeli policeman Meir Aloush and injured his wife Nizza as they were shopping in the village of Bidya on June 16, 1996. In addition the cell members are suspected of shooting and wounding Romanian workers at Baka a-Sharkiya on August 31, 1996.

The three gang members, Mahmoud Abdullah Arda, 22, Sa'id Tawfik Lahlouh, 21 and Amjid Hassan Arda, 20, all live in the village of Arabeh in Samaria.

Security forces believe the three also shot at an Israeli vehicle whose passengers had been shopping at Baka a-Sharkiya. During their interrogation they told security forces that they were unable to fire more than one shot at the Israeli vehicle due to a technical failure. The shot did not penetrate the vehicle and its occupants were unaware of the attack.

The three admitted to planning additional terrorist attacks against Israelis after receiving direct orders from their commanders. The three had planned to kidnap an IDF soldier in the Hadera area and had visited the area, collected information and had started planning the attack.

The terrorists surrendered a Carl

Gustav submachine gun they had in their possession. Security forces are continuing their investigation.

Also on Friday, security forces revealed the arrest of Dr. Ali Mohammed Abu Ras, head of the Arab Institute in Abu Dis. Abu Ras, originally from Hebron, is one of the central figures of the civilian wing of Hamas. Security forces arrested Abu Ras two weeks ago and he was placed under administrative detention for six months.

News of the latest arrests came less than 24 hours after security forces revealed the arrests of members of a Hamas terrorist cell operating in eastern Jerusalem.

The arrests last week came before the terrorists planned to carry out an attack in the capital's

Jerusalem Mall in Malha.

Officials believe the terrorists arrested are also connected to the suicide bomb attacks that were carried out in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market and Ben-Yehuda Street, and are linked to the Taurif gang responsible for the March bomb attack at the Apropo Cafe in Tel Aviv.

During their interrogation, the two revealed that they had staked out the Jerusalem Mall to evaluate the security there. The terrorists had planned to carry out the attack at the entrance to the movie theaters.

The terrorists had also planned to kidnap Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and demand the release of all security prisoners in Israeli jails.

PM heads for Vienna, Levy to NY

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's state visit to Austria begins today with a tour of the Mauthausen death camp outside Vienna and meetings with Austrian leaders.

During Netanyahu's two days in Vienna, he will speak at a symposium on the historic role of Theodor Herzl as the founder of political Zionism.

The address, in English, is expected to be one of the highlights of the conclave dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the first World Zionist Congress over which Herzl presided.

Before he founded the Zionist movement, Herzl pursued a distinguished career as a journalist on Vienna's Neue Freie Presse. As correspondent in Paris, he covered the antisemitic Dreyfus trial which prompted him to write 'The Jewish State' and to establish the Zionist movement.

Netanyahu also will be greeted by members of the Austrian Jewish community, will lay the cornerstone of a Hasid school and will speak at a breakfast for local editors, senior representatives of the mass media and business leaders before returning home on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy is heading for New York today to lead Israel's delegation to the UN General Assembly and to confer with counterparts including US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

His meeting with Albright has not yet been fixed, but will involve a trilateral session including Palestinian Authority deputy leader, Mahmoud Abbas. Levy is scheduled to address the UN next Monday after which he will return directly to Israel. He is to likely to confer with the foreign ministers of countries with which Israel does not have normal diplomatic relations.



Kalandiya protest
A Palestinian youth burns tires in demonstrations at the Kalandiya refugee camp north of Jerusalem over the weekend. Five border policemen were injured by rocks thrown at them during the riots, the IDF Spokesman said. (AP)

SLA dismantles roadside bombs

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

A South Lebanese Army patrol found several roadside bombs in the western part of the security zone yesterday, and demolition experts dismantled them safely, military sources said.

The road where the bombs were found is one frequented by SLA and IDF troops.

Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, OC Northern Command, praised the SLA for showing alertness and preventing casualties.

Yesterday Hizbullah gunmen bombed IDF and SLA positions at the edge of the security zone. No casualties or damages were reported, and both IDF and SLA troops returned fire.

Meanwhile the Northern Command continued its inquiry into the death of Lt. Eyal Shimoni who was mortally wounded Thursday when his Merkava tank was struck by a missile.

Specialists examining the tank believe the force of the blast indicated that the missile was fired from close range.

Shimoni was buried Friday at Kibbutz Ashdot Yaakov Meuhad in the Jordan Valley, where he lived.

On Friday, Levine visited IDF outposts that came under heavy fire earlier in the day.

Amal leader Nabih Berri told International Red Cross chief Jean Jacques Fressard yesterday that he was willing to negotiate the return of the remains of Third Petty Officer tamar Ilya who was killed in the aborted IDF commando raid in Lebanon on September 5.

CLINTON

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This puts Clinton in the same category as Vice President Al Gore, whose alleged campaign finance abuses are currently under a 30-day review by Reno that ends on October 3.

It is generally assumed at the White House that Reno will order the 90-day review in Gore's case. With that in mind, Gore on Friday hired two private attorneys, Jim Neal of Nashville, Tennessee, a long-time family friend and adviser and former Watergate prosecutor, and George Frampton, a Washington-based attorney and former assistant secretary of the Interior Department, who has worked with Gore in the past on environmental issues.

Their job is to extract Gore from legal troubles with the potential to jeopardize his bid to succeed Clinton in the 2000 presidential election.

The White House has admitted that Gore made 86 phone calls to Democratic donors soliciting campaign funds, but denies any wrongdoing on grounds that Gore, like Clinton, is exempt from the law.

Gore originally said he raised only "soft money" contributions from the calls - large, unregulated donations given just to the party rather than individual candidates.

But recently it became clear that some of the money was deposited into a Democratic National Committee account for individual candidates, which meant the donors may have gone over the federal limit of \$1,000 in contributions to an individual candidate.

ARAFAT

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"We stress that Albright's visit should be continued by American efforts...to overcome obstacles," Arafat said. He asked for "the support of the US administration for the creation of a Palestinian state."

The Arab ministers agreed that Albright had taken "a balanced position" during her trip to the region by calling on Israel and the Palestinians to fulfill their sides of the peace agreements, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said. "We welcome this position," he said.

Arafat held his first meeting with Arab foreign ministers late on Friday to discuss the stalemate in the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

"What is left now is for the United States to convince Israel of its position," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said.

POLICE

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Sarid said this was all done behind Hefetz's back, over concern that he might object. Sarid also contended that Kahalani was paid by Moskowitz.

"Cases of police chiefs being bought by persons of means are a common thing in the world, but in our worst nightmares, we never imagined that this could happen here too," Sarid said.

Kahalani said the accusations were false and imaginary.

He said he was told of the "entrance to Ras al-Amud during the evening hours, and I briefed the prime minister. The hour [of the planned entrance to the home] was not known and the settlers requested no police assistance."

Neeman: US funding terrorism

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Palestinian charity organizations that receive funding from the US government are involved in aiding terrorism, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman told members of Congress last week.

Citing Israeli intelligence, Neeman made the surprise statement in a luncheon address on Capitol Hill on Thursday. He did not elaborate.

Asked about the fact that the vast majority of US aid to the Palestinians goes to non-governmental welfare organizations (NGOs) in the territories and not to the Authority, Neeman said many of the groups have both charitable and terrorist wings.

Neeman said that Israel supports US financial assistance to the Palestinians provided that the PA abides by its pledge to fight terrorism. The PA has the means to stop terrorism, but has not done so, he said.

The remarks came at an event that drew about 80 Senators and 100 congressmen at the invitation of Democratic and Republican swing leaders.

US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk had told the Senate Near East subcommittee "the US is adamant that aid to the NGOs continues because they perform vital work in the territories and represent the benefits of peace to the Palestinians."

"To the extent that the Palestinian people feel that the process is moving forward and their ability to put bread on the table and get water from their taps has improved, they are more likely to support [PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's] efforts to move forward in the process and, more importantly, his efforts to crackdown on the terrorists in their midst," Indyk told the panel considering his nomination to be assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs.

Members of both houses of Congress are scheduled to meet this week to reconcile House and Senate foreign aid bills that include about \$75 million in assistance to the Palestinians.

Jordanian embassy officials have also been lobbying in Congress in recent weeks to ensure that Arman receives the \$250 million in assistance budgeted under the Senate bill, as opposed to the \$175 million in the House version. The officials said they are optimistic they will obtain the higher figure.



Yaakov Neeman, Palestinian Authority, Neeman said many of the groups have both charitable and terrorist wings.

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Five million tourists expected in year 2000

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Although Pope John Paul II has said celebrations for the year 2000 are to take place simultaneously in Rome and the Holy Land, Israel has been unable to obtain any schedule of events or plans for the year from the Roman Catholics, Tourism Ministry Director-General David Litvak said this weekend.

"We have been asking them for a year and a half and each time they say it will be all right," Litvak told reporters at a news conference for G4 Galilee, a promotion for tourism organizers from abroad.

Litvak said that Israel had been in contact with many Christian bodies, including Protestants from the US Bible Belt and Russian Orthodox from the former Soviet Union. He added that despite the problems, the Roman Catholics were nonetheless the most organized of the Christian bodies involved in preparing for the Christian jubilee year, during which hundreds of thousands of Christian pilgrims are expected.

He said he hoped that as many as five million visitors would come during the year, compared to the present annual influx of about 2.5 million. If that number did come, he added, the country would be able to accommodate them.

As a Jewish state, Israel did not want to dictate to the Christians as to how they should organize their celebration, Litvak said, but at the same time, he added, it was necessary to identify the bottlenecks and prepare for them so that the pilgrims would indeed be able to have a meaningful visit.

Asked to identify some of the problems involved, Jacky Ovadia, a marketing consultant who is a member of the joint Tourism Ministry and Finance Ministry team preparing for the millennium year, noted that the Church of the Beatitudes, which already has some 600,000 visitors a year, is open, at the most six-and-a-half hours a day. The site also lacks an adequate access road and parking lot, he said.

The G4 Galilee event, the eighth annual promotion for the North of the country, this year included a large number of representatives from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, an area which the Tourism Ministry has targeted as a potential source of large-scale tourism and one which is relatively unaffected by concern about political unrest or terror.

Vaclav Havel begins Mideast tour

Czech President Vaclav Havel arrived in Amman yesterday for talks with King Hussein on economic ties and Middle East peace-making.

Havel and his wife, Dagmar Havlova, were greeted with a 21-gun salute as Hussein and Queen Noor welcomed them on arrival at Amman's Marka air base.

Havel, 61, flew in from Lebanon on the second leg of a week-long tour that will also take him to Israel and the Palestinian territories, beginning tomorrow.

He was accompanied by Jordan by a 25-member business delegation that will explore investment opportunities and closer business ties with the Hashemite kingdom, a government official said.

He said Havel and Hussein will also discuss ways to restart Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

In Lebanon on Friday, Havel held talks with Lebanese President Elias Hrawi at the Baabda presidential palace on the outskirts of Beirut.

Czech diplomats were quoted by Lebanese newspapers Friday as saying Havel's trip was "a token contribution to the peace process and the region's stability."

Before leaving Prague, the philosopher-president said: "Already by my presence, by my journey to this region, an official state visit, I am expressing my interest. But that is only the external side of the issue. Of course the substantial thing is the talks, and the content of those talks, and places I am going to visit."

Havel, who was once mentioned as a possible mediator between Israel and the Palestinians, will begin a five-day state visit to Israel tomorrow and hold talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Ezer Weizman.



Jordan's King Hussein (right) and his wife Queen Noor (second from left) greet Czech President Vaclav Havel and his wife Dagmar on their arrival at Amman Airport yesterday.

He will make a working visit to the Palestinian-controlled territories and meet Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian leaders. US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was in the Czech Republic for a private visit before her recent tour of the Middle East and met Havel, whom she used to advise when she was a political science professor soon after he came to power. A personal friendship has developed between the two but, asked if he had discussed his plans for the visit with Albright, Havel replied, "No comment."

Havel, who led the 1989 bloodless "Velvet Revolution" which overthrew Communist rule in the former Czechoslovakia, visited Israel as Czechoslovak president in 1990. "Then it was unthinkable to combine a visit to Israel with [a visit to] an Arab country," he said. (News agencies)

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HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The compromise in Ras al-Amud last Thursday provided a partial but temporary solution to an explosive situation. The decision to replace the families with 10 yeshiva students who would guard and maintain the property purchased by Irving Moskowitz generated extensive commentary in the Hebrew press.

"Netanyahu proved that he is the 'landlord' but he still has a long way to go," writes Yediot Aharonot's Shimon Shalev, adding that the settlers will not stop the battle for their right to settle in the area.

As for the reactions on other fronts, "Netanyahu does not expect applause from either the Left or Peace Now. The Palestinians will also denounce him, but the Americans will support the compromise," he writes.

Zvi Barel in Ha'aretz asserts that the negotiations concerning Ras al-Amud have established a precedent, under which populating a section in Jerusalem is subordinate to security considerations.

"Netanyahu might be content that he has managed to free himself from becoming the first prime minister evicting settlers from Jerusalem," Barel writes, "but the fact that negotiations were needed,

wraps a much more difficult constraint around his neck." He adds that it is ironic that settlements, which were once regarded as contributing to security, are now seen as threatening security.

"The compromise in Ras al-Amud reflects the outcome that would have been achieved if Netanyahu were to negotiate with himself," claims Ma'ariv's Chemi Shalev. He explains that Netanyahu was forced to compromise between his conviction that Jews are entitled to settle any place in Jerusalem and his awareness of his political needs and public image.

Shalev adds that for the Palestinians, 10 yeshiva students are as much a provocation as three families. "Either Arafat will share the Americans' hopes or conclude that he has nothing more to lose," he writes.

In an interview with Ma'ariv's Yoav Limor, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine addressed the prospect of war with Syria, saying that Syrian deployment indicates they are preparing for war.

However, "there is no need to be

fearful, as the Syrians are not such a threatening army," Levine claims, "and if we were to be dragged into war, they would be defeated and would be completely overcome by the IDF."

Ha'aretz's Yoel Marcus refers to Foreign Minister David Levy's remarks concerning security sources warning of possible military confrontation. Marcus attacks Levy for saying that the public should not be given information that spreads panic.

"What does he mean?" asks Marcus. "Either the security sources speak truthfully or falsely. If an unnecessary war is under way, the public has a right to know, to get scared and panic."

GSS under attack

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon criticized the close ties between the members of the General Security Service and their Palestinian colleagues, claiming that the relationship corrupts the GSS agents. Ben Caspi of Ma'ariv states that Sharon believes that the Palestinians are crafty and sophisticated. "So far, only the Palestinians have benefited from the friendship," Sharon said.

Former GSS head Ya'acov Perry, writing in Ma'ariv, criticizes Sharon's attack as unfitting, damaging and irresponsible.

"The GSS was the punching bag, but the message was meant for Netanyahu," claims Perry. He adds that it is no coincidence that Sharon attacked an organization that cannot defend itself, and is directly subordinate to the prime minister. "Netanyahu's dependency on Sharon as the person who could soften the responses of the extreme Right, prevents Netanyahu from taking action against him."

Open borders

The country's border fences are not dependable, Alex Fishman and Guy Leshem, write in an expose in Yediot Aharonot. A Palestinian demonstrated to the defense forces the simplicity of breaking into Israeli territory from Gaza through the electronic fence, using only a few simple tools.

A high-ranking official estimated that during the closure following the two bomb attacks in Jerusalem, 40,000 Palestinians were wandering in Israeli territory, several hundred of whom had come from Gaza. Another defense official stated that

the 1998 budget does not provide enough money to improve the fences.

Health Hazard

"In the entanglement of all distortions and injustice surrounding us, the biggest lawsuit is a light at the end of the tunnel," states Ma'ariv's Ron Meiberg, in his article about the unprecedented lawsuit against the Dubek cigarette company.

"Fifteen plaintiffs who have lost relatives to smoking-related diseases are suing the company for 15 million shekels. They argue that during the 1950s the company withheld information concerning the hazards of smoking and misled the public. Meiberg states that the lawsuit will force cigarette companies to take responsibility for their hazardous product."

Uri Eilitzur in Yediot, however, attacks "the twisted logic and arrogance of the smoker claiming compensation for a harm he inflicted upon himself."

He claims that Western civilization has nurtured the idea that the weak are always right, and someone must pay. "Their survival slogan is: Don't be smart, be weak," he writes.

WELSH

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Blair's government is mulling over introducing a new voting system. Instead of winner-take-all elections, Britain might create a national parliament by proportional representation, with each party assigned seats based on the percentage of votes it receives.

Blair wants to reform Britain's upper legislative chamber, the House of Lords. He has vowed to take away the voting rights of hereditary peers - those who become peers by virtue of their birth. So-called life peers, selected by the government, would continue having a role shaping - and approving - legislation.

Blair's government is seeking ways to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. The move would give Britain what amounts to an American-style Bill of Rights.

His government also has promised to fashion a Freedom of Information Act, a bold step in a country with a long-established culture of government secrecy.

To some like Philip Norton, a Hull University political scientist, the Blair proposals are slapdash and ill-conceived.

"The more levels of government you have, the less accountability," he says. "And there is potential for conflict between the local governments and the

national government."

"I know that there is a desire for change, a feeling that there is a problem in government," he adds. "Reforming the structure of government seems the easy way out. It seems the answer to several ills. People are feeling alienated. The economy seems sluggish. But it's wrong."

Even supporters of the Blair program, like Hazell, say the government may be moving too fast.

"I want to see them slow down to enable the public to catch up," he says. "These are the biggest changes in our system of government for nearly 100 years. And it's very important that they command public understanding and public consent. I'm not opposed to the changes. But they have to come after public understanding and public debate."

Ready or not, however, Britain is adopting the Blair agenda. (Baltimore Sun)

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Primakov prepares Mideast mission

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov is to make a new mission to the Middle East in a bid to revive the peace process, the ministry's top Middle East expert said on Friday after meeting Palestinian officials.

"We sense a demand in new contacts with leaders of countries in the region, especially due to the, say the least, not entirely satisfactory state of the peace process,"

Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Posuvalyuk said at a joint news briefing with Palestinian peace negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen).

Abbas said he was pleased with his talks on Friday with Primakov and said Russia understood the Palestinian position.

"There was no need for us to convince each other that we share the same positions," he said.

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Italian march against separatism

Hundreds of thousands of people paraded down Milan's corso Sempione yesterday during mass demonstrations held in northern Italy against the Northern League's call to secede from the rest of Italy. The rally was organized by left-wing leaders. The League has a large following in Italy's wealthy north, where many feel they are being unfairly taxed to support a corrupt and inefficient south, and a cumbersome central government.

(AP)

Six people killed in London train crash

150 passengers injured, two in critical condition

By AUDREY WOODS

LONDON (AP) — Police teams picked through piles of twisted metal heaped on a mainline London rail track yesterday, searching for clues to the cause of a train crash that killed six people and injured more than 150.

Six of the 13 people who suffered serious injuries in Friday afternoon's collision remained hospitalized, two in critical condition.

Huge cranes maneuvered into position at Southall station in west London to shift the crushed and twisted cars of a passenger express and a freight train that collided at 1:20 p.m. local time.

Wreckage was strewn across the main rail line from western Britain to London and service was suspended until it could be cleared.

The locomotive of Friday's eastbound express from Wales stood upright, apparently having leaptfrogged the empty freight that crossed its path, and dragged the lead first class carriage with it.

Two mangled passenger cars lay on their sides and a third sat piggy-back on the freight wagons.

Three investigations were under way — by British Transport Police,

by Railtrack, which is responsible for the track, and by the government's Health and Safety department.

Police declared the site a crime scene, so workmen had to wait until officers completed a minute daylight search before the cranes could be used to shift the wreckage and free the rail line for weekend traffic.

David Eves of the Health and Safety department said his team had all the evidence it wanted from the scene. This would include signal box recordings that would give information on conversation between drivers and signal staff, as well as the signals each train was given.

The police finished searching in the early afternoon and freed the area for cleanup, but the heavy work to be done by the cranes could not begin right away because they required hours of assembly.

Both drivers survived. Police arrested the unidentified driver of the passenger train Friday evening for investigation of a manslaughter charge.

British Transport Police questioned him about the circumstances of the crash before releasing him on bail shortly after midnight. They said he had passed a breath test for alcohol and that he was not charged.

The last three bodies were removed from the wreckage overnight. Among the six dead was one of Sweden's most famous broadcast journalists, Marcus Olander — London correspondent for Swedish radio.

All the seriously injured were British. One man with serious chest and leg injuries was reported critical at the New Charing Cross Hospital after a nine and a half hour operation. A second man was in a critical but stable condition in intensive care at the Royal London Hospital.

One patient treated overnight was released in the morning, and four other patients remained hospitalized.

About 150 people were slightly hurt. Many other people were able to walk away from the train, shaken but uninjured.

Friday's accident was the worst rail crash in Britain since December 1988, when three trains collided outside Clapham Junction in south London, killing 35 people and injuring 113.

China leader courting army

BEIJING (AP) — Fresh from his reappointment as head of the Communist Party, Jiang Zemin reached out to a crucial political constituency, China's military, state-run media reported yesterday.

Jiang expressed "warm regards" to the entire People's Liberation Army Friday night in a visit with military delegates to a pivotal party congress. The highly symbolic social call was one of Jiang's first public events after the elite Central Committee chose him to lead the party for another five years.

State-run television showed Jiang, dressed in a plain army green Mao suit, enthusiastically shaking hands with members of the 316-strong delegation from the PLA and paramilitary People's Armed Police.

The 2.9 million-member military is the virtual kingmaker of Chinese politics. The PLA

remains the strongest national institution, as 18 years of free market reforms have loosened the party's grip on local governments.

Jiang heads the party commission that runs the PLA, but unlike his revolutionary predecessors, he has no military experience. Since he became party general secretary and head of the military commission eight years ago, he has courted the military's favor and promoted loyalists.

At the weekend party congress that ended Thursday, Jiang backed the military's ambitious modernization drive to become a hi-tech army.

During his Friday visit, Jiang urged the delegates to be strict with themselves, set a good example for the people of the whole country and make due contributions to army building," the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Although Jiang emerged from the congress stronger, the PLA did not hold on to its seat on the seven-member Politburo Standing Committee, the apex of the collective leadership that Jiang heads.

For months, speculation held that Jiang wanted to bring in Gen. Zhang Wannian, an ally, to replace 80-year-old Gen. Liu Huaqing, who retired. Zhang and another general, Chi Haotian, were included to the 22-member Politburo, the next rung down on the ladder of power.

As with most decisions in China, state-run media gave no explanations for the lack of PLA representation on the standing committee.

Gen. Liu and 82-year-old Gen. Zhang Zhen also retired from the party's Central Military Commission. Both promoted by Deng Xiaoping in the 1970s, they are the last of the revolutionary veterans to leave key leadership posts. Deng died in February.

Milosevic backers expected to win Serbian election today

BELGRADE (AP) — About 170 monitors from throughout Europe fanned out across Serbia yesterday to watch an election whose outcome is little in doubt, but may give international envoys some leverage to bolster democracy in the future.

Serbia's presidential and parliamentary elections today are expected to favor Serb strongman Slobodan Milosevic — although his name is nowhere on the ballot.

Milosevic, 56, had served two terms as Serbian president and was constitutionally barred from a third. So he had himself elected president of Yugoslavia — consisting of Serbia and tiny Montenegro — in July, and now wants his ally Zoran Ljilic installed in the Serbian presidency.

Ljilic is considered a virtual certainty to win, and the leftist bloc

led by Milosevic's Socialists — or ex-Communists — and his wife's Marxist party is likely to take parliament.

Many Serbs feel the elections are so fundamentally flawed that the only choice is boycott.

"I can't afford to have hope," said Desanka Blazevic, 43, a Belgrade economist. "We tried before, it didn't work. This time, boycott is my choice."

The boycott call is led by Zoran Djindjic, the opposition mayor of Belgrade, his Democratic party and smaller groups who took part in three months of anti-Milosevic protest last winter to get their victories in local elections reinstalled.

Milosevic has regained the upper hand — relying on his control of the powerful state media and an election law reform that increased the weight of Socialist

support.

On paper, there is a rich choice for Serbia's 7 million voters: 17 presidential candidates, more than 2,500 candidates for the republic's 250-seat assembly, and a total of 90 parties and coalitions.

The elections are to be monitored by the 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The 170 OSCE monitors in Serbia were invited only six weeks ago. They are expected to try to detail media freedom, ballot counting and other procedures with a view to getting change implemented.

The only serious challenges to Ljilic are likely to come from Vojislav Seselj, an ultranationalist, and Vuk Draskovic, the only protest leader participating in the vote.

Diana's driver buried

By SARA HEINLEY

LORIENT, France (Reuters) — Relatives and friends yesterday buried Henri Paul, the driver of the car in which Princess Diana died three weeks ago, in a simple ceremony in his home town of Lorient in western France.

About 15 of Paul's former colleagues from the Ritz Hotel — porters, chambermaids and security guards — brought two large bouquets of purple and white flowers which were placed on the steps of the Sainte-Therese Roman Catholic church.

"He was a super bloke," said porter Rodjan Roman. Rementment ran high among townspeople over the way in which Paul, 41, deputy head of security at the Ritz, has been portrayed by the media after police said he was legally drunk and driving at high speed.

The funeral was held up by a criminal inquiry into the crash. Blood tests showed he was three times over the legal drink drive limit and had taken two calming drugs.

Paul's parents, besieged by the media since the accident and appalled by reports that their son had been drinking, were nonetheless determined to honor him with a public funeral.

The message with a huge red and pink wreath on the church steps said: "Your friends will not be deceived." "He has already been declared guilty and we don't know all the facts," said a man who gave his first name as Alain and said he had served with Paul during military service at Rochefort airbase in western France.

Hundreds of media representatives and townsfolk clustered behind police barriers in the sunny residen-

tial close around the church as bells tolled mournfully and about 200 people filed in for the funeral.

Police were out in force, and there were no incidents apart from a few insults shouted to reporters from an apartment block overlooking the cemetery.

"You are responsible for his death," a woman shouted.

Paul's parents accompanied the coffin into the church. His frail father, apparently suffering from poor eyesight, had to be led to his place. His mother stood resolute and calm for most of the hour-long ceremony, only sitting once briefly in her grief.

A girl wept as she unclasped a small brooch she was wearing and threw it into the grave, in a line of grey granite funerary stelae. Three boys dropped poems and drawings.

Friends also invoked the memory of Diana and Dodi Fayed, and made reference to bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, the crash's sole survivor.

Paul, bespectacled and balding, lived alone in Paris. His body was buried, rather than cremated, in case more tests were needed for the investigation.

After his military service, which he ended as a reserve officer, Paul worked as a yacht salesman before joining the Ritz. A private aircraft pilot, he had passed an annual medical test days before his death. The only reservation on the certificate was that he had to use glasses for long-distance vision.

There was no sign of a representative from the Ritz management. Paul had worked there for 12 years.

Relatives of Dodi's father, Mohammed Fayed, who owns the luxurious Parisian hotel and Harrods department store in London, also had no plans to attend, a spokesman said.

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Al Gore hires lawyers for fund-raising probe

By RON FOURNIER

STANFORD, California (AP) — His legal woes worsening, US Vice President Al Gore has hired two private defense attorneys to handle investigations of questionable fund raising in the 1996 election.

The hiring of Jim Neal of Nashville, Tennessee and George Frampton of Washington reflects growing concern that a special prosecutor might be named to study Gore's fund-raising activities.

Lorraine Voles, a spokeswoman for Gore, confirmed the attorneys' hiring in a telephone interview on Friday.

"The vice president wanted private counsel so he can get his position presented directly and personally to the Department of Justice," Voles said. "He has instructed his private counsel to cooperate fully with the department."

Attorney General Janet Reno has until the first week of October to complete an initial 30-day review about the possibility of conducting a formal investigation into whether an independent counsel should be appointed to look into Gore's fund-raising.

If she approves the formal investigation, the US Justice Department would have 90 days to decide whether to ask a federal court to appoint a special prosecutor.

The White House counsel's office represents Gore only in his official capacity. It became clear in recent days that for the vice president to make his case to the Justice Department, he would need private counsel, said an offi-

cial close to Gore. The official said Gore's position will not change. He says he did no wrong.

There are no plans for Gore to launch a legal defense fund to pay his attorney fees, the official said.



Gore: Growing concern (AP)

President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton have run up hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills, far more than their defense fund has raised.

Gore has not worked out the financial arrangements with the attorneys, the official said.

Neal is a longtime friend and adviser of the Gores. He is a partner of the Neal and Harwell law firm. Frampton, a former assistant secretary of interior under Clinton, will be co-counsel. He is based in Washington.

Gore says he broke no rules, but many Democrats are braced for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate further. Because special prosecutors have wide latitude in the scope of their investigations, such a probe could haunt Gore through the 2000 campaign.

An unfettered probe also could increase pressure on Clinton, who so far has weathered congressional investigations without serious harm to his popularity.

Gore acknowledged in March that he had made phone solicitations to 48 Democratic donors from his White House office between November 1995 and May 1996.

Federal law prohibits federal officials from making fund-raising solicitations on government property, although experts disagree whether that statute applies to calls made to donors outside the building.

Gore originally said he did not charge any of the calls to taxpayers, insisting he had used a Democratic Party credit card.

But last month, the White House acknowledged 20 of his calls were originally charged to taxpayers.

Federal law prohibits the use of government resources for politics. Gore and his supporters have steadfastly maintained that the calls he made from the White House were legal.

Last week, the AP disclosed that Gore made an earlier set of phone solicitations to donors in the final weeks of the 1994 election. That time, however, he was driven to Democratic Party headquarters rather than make them from the White House.



An Egyptian officer stands guard next to the Giza pyramids on the outskirts of Cairo, as security was beefed up at tourist attractions, following the slaying of 10 in an attack on a tourist bus in front of the Egyptian Museum on Thursday. (AP)

Germany unhappy with Egypt's probe of bus attack

CAIRO — A foreign ministry spokesman said in Bonn yesterday that his country was not satisfied with the results of the Egyptian investigation into the slaying of 10 in an attack on a tourist bus, and warned Germans against traveling to parts of Egypt.

Germany said it would send a high level delegation to Egypt to help probe the background to the attack.

The German victims' bodies were due to arrive back in Germany today.

Egypt said yesterday that two men arrested for the shooting and firebomb attack which killed nine German tourists and an Egyptian driver in central Cairo, had acted alone.

Egypt is keen to show that it is serious about security to protect tourism, a key hard currency earner, from any fallout from the attack.

"Security authorities revealed all dimensions of the crime," Interior Minister Hassan el-Ahram told Egypt's government newspaper Al-Ahram. "The two attackers had no accomplices."

Security sources said shortly after Thursday's attack that it was thought to be the work of Moslem militant groups trying to overthrow

the government.

Militants have killed 26 foreigners and wounded 73 in attacks since 1992, targeting foreign visitors to try to cripple the country's economically vital tourist industry.

Egyptian officials, keen to portray the attack as an isolated incident unrelated to militants who have threatened the vital tourist industry, identified those arrested as "madman" Saber Abu el-Ulla and his brother Mahmoud.

There has been no reported claim of responsibility for the attack. While Egyptian officials deny it was part of any organized terrorist group, el-Ulla may have been driven by Moslem fundamentalist views.

Security sources have said he confessed to acting out of revenge after an Israeli woman plastered posters in the Palestinian town of Hebron in June depicting Islam's Prophet Mohammed as a pig.

Some witnesses then said he shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is Greatest) before he opened fire on the bus parked near the Egyptian Museum in busy Tahrir Square.

Sources originally said there were three gunmen involved and later denied there was a third.

El-Ulla reenacted the attack for prosecutors yesterday with and said he enjoyed the performance.

As officials video-taped his every move, the smiling el-Ulla quipped: "I have always wanted to be an actor." Prosecutors had asked him to demonstrate how he and his brother attacked the tour bus.

"We saw that bus, and I climbed up the stairs, shot the driver once and attacked the tour guide who tried to intervene," he said.

Then he opened fire and hurled three firebombs down the aisle.

His brother lobbed eight firebombs under the bus which by then was filling with dense black smoke.

The brother told prosecutors that once the bus was on fire, "we headed to the museum to find more (tourists)." But police caught them.

El-Ulla has a history of violence against foreigners. Police said he attacked Cairo's Semiramis Hotel on Oct. 26, 1993, killing two Americans and a Frenchman. He then spent two years in a mental asylum and escaped three days before the attack, police said. (News agencies)

Korean peace talks break down

NEW YORK (AP) — Four-way talks to arrange a peace conference for the divided Korean peninsula have broken down after North Korea refused to soften demands that the negotiations take up the withdrawal of US troops from South Korea.

No further preliminary talks were scheduled, a senior US official said.

He made clear that Washington would not resume preparatory talks to the conference unless North Korea signals it is willing to compromise.

"We will be looking to the North Koreans for some serious

sign," he said.

Officials from the United States, North and South Korea and China met for a second day Friday to hear whether the North would join peace talks without a guarantee to discuss the removal of American troops from the South.

The chief North Korean delegate said they simply needed more time.

"We have failed to reach agreement on the agenda of the conference," but "not because of patience or lack of will," Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan said. "The only thing we require here is patience and time to settle

these issues."

There were no statements from South Korean or Chinese officials.

The offer for further four-way talks is still on table, although there are no such talks scheduled, the US official said.

Frequent diplomatic contacts, however, continue between North Korea and the United States on Pyongyang's missile program and American soldiers missing from the Korean War.

The United States will go ahead with plans to send a US team to North Korea to assess the food situation, the American official said.

Fujimori battle against TV takes new twist

By DAVID KOGOP

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Backed by police, the minority owners of a television station that had angered Peru's armed forces seized the station, stripping its majority owner of control.

The takeover on Friday was the latest battle in the government's dramatic fight against the station, which spurred mass street protests, cabinet resignations and a plunge in President Alberto Fujimori's popularity ratings.

Calling the takeover an attack on press freedom and a political reprisal for the station's investigative reports, more than 20 of

Channel 2's journalists, including news director Fernando Viana, announced their resignations.

The minority owners, Samuel

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and Mendel Winter, are seen as more supportive of the government and military than the Israeli-born majority owner Baruch Ivcher, under whose control the station repeatedly angered authorities with reports linking the politically powerful armed forces to

torture, corruption and telephone espionage.

This is the final act of an attack on press freedom and the legal order in Peru. Some day we will return with our heads held high," said Luis Iberico, director of Channel 2's principal news program Contrapunto.

No violence was reported, but police confiscated film from who was inside the station when police entered.

Police acted on the orders of the Winter brothers.

In July, the government revoked Ivcher's Peruvian citizenship, saying he did not renounce his Israeli

citizenship prior to his 1984 nationalization.

Peruvian law prohibits foreigners from owning television or radio stations. Ivcher owns 54 percent of Channel 2's stock.

The decision, along with other authoritarian measures by the government, led to the biggest street protests seen during President Alberto Fujimori's seven years in power.

His popularity plummeted to less than 20 percent and five cabinet ministers resigned amid charges the government was trying to intimidate the opposition news media.

The US State Department sent

a letter to Fujimori expressing concern.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists also condemned the seizure as "a clear threat to freedom of expression in Peru."

The group's executive director William Orme added: "Today's raid on Channel 2 is the latest and most alarming episode of a concerted government campaign intended to punish journalists for doing their job."

Fujimori has refused to comment on the case, saying it was a fight between shareholders that should be settled by the courts.

But Ivcher has charged that the

government controls the judicial system.

Among the reports aired by Channel 2 was the case of Leonor La Rosa, a former intelligence agent suspected of leaking documents to the news media. She was tortured by her colleagues and left with spinal damage.

The station also released transcripts of hundreds of telephone conversations of journalists, politicians and businessmen allegedly taped illegally by intelligence operatives.

The reports led to charges that the government spies on its enemies.

Hours after the station broke the telephone espionage story in July,

the government announced that it had revoked Ivcher's citizenship.

In May, the armed forces issued a communique accusing the station of carrying out a campaign to discredit the military. Since the communique's release, Ivcher has lived in self-exile in Miami saying he fears for his life if he returns to Peru.

A court in August granted temporary control of the station to the Winters until the ownership dispute is settled.

Ivcher has called the decision to take control of the station away from him a "confiscation" and vowed to take the case to international human rights organizations.



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Fujimori bares his fangs

Alberto Fujimori is a man who likes to run with democratic foxes while hunting with his autocratic hounds. This week he exposed the fangs of his government for what they are when police and corporate hounds seized control of a once-fearless television station that has been a thorn in his side.

Fujimori already stripped the Israeli-born owner of his Peruvian citizenship in July - 13 years after he had acquired it - in another convoluted little legal jig.

At the Channel 2 television station, 20 journalists resigned. Morally they had little choice - this is one of the most disgraceful frontal assaults on freedom of the press in a country whose government puts on the smirk of democracy when it wants to curry favor with the United States and the West.

It so happened that when police entered the station, an Associated Press photographer was present. They promptly ripped out his film. It is at least gratifying that US Ambassador Dennis Jett promptly assailed the takeover and warned the ever more unscrupulous Fujimori that the decision to strip Baruch Ivcher of control of his station will be interpreted abroad as a threat to press freedom.

Under Ivcher, the television station, especially its news program *Contapunto*, repeatedly infuriated the government with investigative reports linking the armed forces to torture, corruption and phone spying. It revealed the torture of a woman who leaked information to the media, and ran excerpts from thousands of transcripts from bugged phones.

When the government revoked Ivcher's Peruvian citizenship, the legalistic fig leaf it used was that he hadn't renounced his Israeli citizenship before his naturalization. "Foreigners" cannot own radio or television stations, and Ivcher owns 54 percent of the TV station stock. It took the government 13 years to dig up this excuse - oddly coinciding with Ivcher's stepped up investigations of Fujimori's abuse of power.

Ivcher, fearing for his life, fled to Miami and his dubious treatment led to the biggest street protests of Fujimori's rule. Public opinion polls on Fujimori at least have had the decency to plummet to below 20 percent. Also to be commended are the five cabinet ministers who resigned over the government's attempts to intimidate any opposition news media.

It is scarcely controversial to assert that Peru is no longer a democracy. After all, its own most prominent citizen, former UN secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar, recently said so openly, and added: "We are a country run by an autocratic regime."

It is one thing to have dealings with countries that are moving out of autocracy towards democracy. To turn a blind eye to one like Peru, which is heading in the other direction, is complacent immorality. When Israeli journalists or businessmen now turn their attention to Peru, they should at least spare a thought for what has happened to Baruch Ivcher and his colleagues, and then ask themselves what it says about Fujimori's regime, and whether they really want to add credibility to it.

China's power and people

It used to be "power to the people" - the Communist theme song. This week's Party Congress in Beijing showed that power and the people remain two entirely distinct species in China. But there seems to be no reason why they should not act as parallel tracks carrying the train of the economy into the country's future.

Here we had the remarkable image of a supposedly Communist government preparing a healthy if unpalatable dose of concentrated capitalism for the supposedly socialized masses. There was little sign of a spoonful of democracy to help the medicine go down and, in many ways, it was the familiar old Communist way - lip service to the people, serious veneration to the power. Hence the main result of the congress also follows tradition - much consolidation of power for the man at the top.

President Jiang Zemin has frequently been underestimated in the West but last week he put in place a considerable economic powerhouse around himself, making him the (publicly) undisputed successor of Deng Xiaoping.

Badly ignored, too, in the frenzy of reporting about China's economic measures is the fact that this is a culture that still reveres the guiding philosophy of a respected mentor. Hence the congress's endorsement of the "Deng Xiaoping Theory" as the nation's guiding ideology for the

next five years is most significant, as Jiang himself emphasized.

But given the constraints of the system, Jiang deserves some congratulations and some credit.

Even if democracy is not progressing in China along any paths Westerners, or Asian democracies like Japan and India, would recognize, there is nothing wrong with saying let the Chinese be prosperous. After all, the post-Soviet way to democracy and prosperity has so far delivered a very flawed version of both. No one any longer has a definitive answer to the right systems for diverse developing nations, no single stiff collar to fit all necks.

China is carrying out a fascinating economic experiment and deserves all good will for that. Power may be of primary importance to the leaders, but Jiang's outline plans to dismantle and reform China's creaking ancient industries include words new to the lexicon of shocked Chinese central planners - words like mergers, downsizing, layoffs, stock flotations, all under Communist Party guidance.

Jiang's politburo formed an interesting image of the new China - yuppies in business suits with cellphones, who call one another "comrade." China has been as good as its word on Hong Kong. The world should give Jiang a chance - and real encouragement - on his economic reforms too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IMPASSIONED SPEECH

Sir, - Secretary of State Albright delivered an impassioned speech translated into Arabic to Palestinian students, in which she pleaded with them to oppose terrorism, and accept Israel as a neighbor.

Arafat has never delivered a speech in Arabic with that theme. On the contrary, his speeches in Arabic have continuously contained the following:

"We must continue the 'Jihad' until we reach Jerusalem."

"Mohammed's violation of his peace agreement with enemies when his followers were strong enough to defeat them. (These words are always coupled with

the statement that he does not like the Oslo agreement).

"The Palestinian flag will fly on the highest minaret in Jerusalem."

In addition, he delivers eulogies for "martyrs" who were responsible for the deaths of Israeli citizens.

No objective-minded person who has seen and listened to tapes of Arafat's speeches in Arabic since Oslo could arrive at any conclusion other than the fact that Arafat will not be satisfied until he controls all of Israel.

WILLIAM K. LANGFAN

Palm Beach, Florida.

DESCRIPTIVE TERM

Sir, - Contrary to the assertion on Friday, August 29, "kushi" is not a derivative term; it is a descriptive term for people originating from Eretz Kushi, literally, Ethiopia, but in fact extended to Africa. And of the Prophet Moses, the Bible says that he had a kushi woman (Num. XII.1). Most traditional interpreters are of the opinion that that refers to Zippora - who actually was a Midianite - but some no less traditional interpreters consider the text as a reference to another woman, and - whatever value that might have - personally, I am of the second opinion.

DR. E.E. FARHI

Tel Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 21, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that Boutros Ghali Pasha, Egyptian Foreign Minister, and Tewfik es-Suwaidi, Iraq's Foreign Minister, addressed the League of Nations Assembly in Geneva. They both complained that the proposed Partition Plan for Palestine would be incompatible with the sacred natural rights of Arabs, and that it would not solve the problems of peace in the region.

- Arab terrorists killed Mohammed Najjar, mukhtar of Hlavasseh village near Haifa.

- Rich water-bearing strata were struck at a depth of 192 meters at Kfar Hitim. An adequate water supply was of great importance to

the young Bulgarian Jews who settled there about six months earlier.

50 years ago: On September 21, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that in London Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, opposed the creation of a Jewish State in principle, irrespective of other merits or demerits of the UN Special Committee on Palestine plan for Partition. He held that British troops could not take responsibility for maintaining order in Palestine during a long transition period. While the British Cabinet decided on the principle of withdrawal, it left the door open for consideration of any fresh proposals.

British forces unearthed three

hidden arms arsenals in Jerusalem. Twenty-two persons were arrested.

25 years ago: On Sunday, September 21, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that 26 letter bombs addressed to Israelis were discovered throughout Europe, North America and Israel. They were all detonated safely, but it was feared that more were in the mails. The public was warned to be on guard. The Knesset rejected a bid for a parliamentary probe on Munich massacres.

Haifa Port was paralyzed by a dockers' strike while Ashdod Port refused to handle diverted ships.

Alexander Zvielli



Let go of Gore

ELIZABETH DREW

Hang on a minute. The rush of opinion that an independent counsel should be appointed to investigate the fund-raising phone calls Vice President Al Gore made from the White House is ill-considered and even dangerous. But Washington is from time to time overtaken by an excitement detached from reason or logic, and that appears to be where we are now on the Gore matter.

The proposition that the vice president might be subject to criminal prosecution because he made fund-raising calls from the White House, and whether he knew of it or not, the Democratic National Committee allocated some of its money to its "hard money" account, is absurd. (Hard money is limited under federal law and goes directly toward federal campaigns. "Soft money" is unlimited funds from individuals, as well as corporations and unions - which are not supposed to make a direct contribution to a federal campaign - and is supposed to go toward nice "party-building activities.")

Gore is in this mess because of Attorney General Janet Reno's cockamamie legal interpretation that soft money isn't covered by the Federal Election Campaign Act. Of course it isn't, because it's a loophole (created by the ever-helpful Federal Election Commission) - one that has led to serious abuses of the campaign finance laws and needs to be closed. Under the Reno theory (with which her former deputy, Philip Heymann, has publicly disagreed), even foreign contributions might not be illegal.

So, when the news came a couple of weeks ago that some of the money Gore raised was put into the DNC's hard money account, the attorney general, having boxed herself in, announced that she was commencing the process that could lead to an independent counsel for the vice president.

Gore has handled the controversies surrounding him in a klutzy manner. But klutziness isn't a federal crime

But the circumstances don't fit the law he supposedly violated. The purpose of the Pendleton Act, passed in 1883 after a disappointed seeker of a patronage job assassinated President James A. Garfield, was to establish a civil service system that would, among other things, protect government workers from shake-downs by their bosses. It therefore barred the solicitation of campaign funds at the office.

When it was passed, the telephone had only recently been invented.

Whether the law applies to the president and vice president is ambiguous, as is whether the law applies to solicitation - by phone or whatever - of someone not on federal property. Moreover, this part of the law has never been enforced. (Gore thus actually had a stronger argument than his unfortunate "there is no controlling legal authority" in his March 3 press conference about the calls.) Setting an independent counsel on a vice president for a test case of such a minor deed seems an odd use of the independent counsel law.

In fact, after a special prosecutor (as they were called then) was appointed to look into whether Carter adviser Hamilton Jordan had used cocaine (insufficient evidence was found to seek an indictment), the law was changed to stipulate that such an appointment should not be made for a possible violation of the law that the Justice Department doesn't regularly enforce.

And appointing an independent counsel in this instance conveys no sense of proportion. Do members of Congress really think that their colleagues who don't leave their offices to make such calls should be prosecuted? The real point is that, however the law is interpreted, Gore shouldn't have been making the calls - not from his office, not from a pay phone on Pennsylvania Avenue, not from his residence and not for soft money or hard money. Neither should the president or the first lady, who may also have made such calls. (Could Gore say "no" if his boss was doing it?) Calls from the highest officials in the land, with the power to affect all sorts of matters, have too much an element of shake-down.

True enough, Gore has handled the controversies surrounding him - the calls, the visit to the Buddhist temple - in a klutzy manner, causing him thus far nearly as much grief as the acts themselves. But klutziness isn't a federal crime.

(The Washington Post)

Shas rules

DAVID WEINBERG

The annual ritual of uncertainty surrounding the extension of Daylight Savings Time (DST) is becoming annoying. The Shas politicians who rule the Interior Ministry monkey around with the timing to fit one or another perceived "need" of the religious community, to the detriment of the economy and all us lovers of long summer evenings.

Never mind that polls show that most Israelis, including a majority of the religious, desire an extended period of DST. No-one I've spoken to can quite figure out the logic of the Shas decree. To make it easier for the early-Eliul *selihot* sayers? Go frequent Sephardic synagogues at dawn and see how many people actually are affected. All they've done is spoil the Pessah Seder eve for thousands of children across the country. Ending the mandatory 150-day DST period in early fall, means that it'll have to start early in spring too, and push the Seder late into the evening.

Why then the regulatory mischief? Because it's Shas's way of reminding us who is running the country. They're in charge - pay attention! We might as well get used to it, because all indicators suggest that the party of "Sephardic Torah Guardians" will continue to grow in size and influence.

The nascent party won a surprise four seats in 1984, grew to six in 1988, and held through 1992, despite the allegations against party leader Aryeh Deri and the embezzlement scandal involving Yair Levy. Last year, Shas won 10 seats in the Knesset, despite (or because of) Deri's continuing troubles and all the other murky political episodes that Shas always seems to be smack in the middle of.

Feeding off a powerful mix of Sephardic resentment of the establishment, religious revival, respect for tradition, and a manifest network of social and educational institutions - Shas appears to be an

unstoppable force in Israeli society. The Shas-sponsored school system has over 20,000 students, as many as the Aguda-sponsored independent haredi school network.

Politically, Shas is running circles around the Religious-Zionist establishment and its political patron, the National Religious Party.

They've grabbed control of many religious councils and seats

Shas's package of heritage, family values and fear of God cannot be wished away

on the rabbinical court benches. Last week, outgoing Religious Affairs Minister Eli Suissa of Shas surreptitiously slipped through the surprise appointment of former Shas MK Moshe Maya as rabbi of the Western Wall. Even Maya didn't know in advance. (So much for better, cleaner government).

Let's not be too jealous or overly grudging. Shas has worked hard for the underclasses in Israeli society - running anti-drug campaigns in the poorest neighborhoods, offering day-long schooling, and fighting in the Knesset for minimum-wage earners. The voters don't forget. Shas will yet bury David Levy's Gesber.

MY only question is: just where will the next Maimonides or Rabbi Saadya Gaon come from? These Sephardic giants were philosophers, doctors, mathematicians, poets and scientists as well as halachic masters. They had broad horizons, and sought to prepare their disciples for life as a Jew in the real world. Listening

today to Shas spokesmen and educators, however, is a course in hostility to the "outside" world, rejection of secular knowledge and higher scholastics, ambivalence to the Zionist enterprise, scorn for the rule of law and democratic institutions, and an abiding suspicion of modernity.

Essentially, Shas is seeking to turn Sephardim into haredim, with all that entails regarding participation (or lack thereof) in the army, economy, arts and so on. And with the haredization, comes an attitude problem too.

One recoils at the condescension towards others, and the air of absolute religious self-assurance, that at times dribbles out the mouths of some Shas spokesmen. Remember when Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz of Shas said he "knew" why a group of vacationing schoolgirls was hurt so badly in a bus accident? Because they were travelling on Shabbat, he ruled. God himself must have informed Peretz of this. Similar remarks have been made in "explanation" of the recent bombings and army tragedies. You have to wonder: where do you sign up for the Shas-sponsored direct fax link to God's accounting department?

Just how far can Rabbi Kedouri's lucky charms go? The answer to this question, I think, depends on what happens in the rest of Israeli society. As long as the broader Israeli milieu continues to accent material advancement, unlimited personal freedoms (including the most unconventional "alternative" lifestyles) and disdain for tradition - Shas will flourish. Its package of heritage, family values and fear of God (all laudable), along with a pinch of pride, an abundance of indignation, and an overflow of self-righteousness, cannot be wished away.

The writer comments on current affairs.

A bad environment

DAVID NEWMAN

My wife returned angry last week. She had gone to dispose of the weekly accumulation of paper in the recycling bins, only to find that the seven containers had been removed from the streets of our community the previous week. Just a year previously, the same had happened with the containers for plastic bottles. The result is that our community of 1,200 families no longer has the possibility of recycling any form of waste.

On inquiring at the offices of the local council as to why the recycling containers had been removed, I was told that the company had decided to withdraw the service because it no longer paid them to maintain it.

In a letter to the local council, the company argued that the government's decision to allow recycling companies to import large quantities of paper waste means that it was now cheaper to purchase the processed waste from abroad rather than collect it from small communities throughout the country.

Israel is country full of environmental schizophrenics. We talk about the land and nature continuously: we take our children on hikes to teach them the names of flowers and stones; we instill in our youth an appreciation for the beauty of the countryside; and above all, we endeavor to make sure that everyone knows just how scarce and precious our water resources are, and just how much we should try to preserve them for future generations.

But at the same time, we do absolutely nothing to actually preserve this vanishing landscape. We are slowly paving over the center of the country with bricks and mortar; we leave our garbage at picnic sites and are constantly treated to garbage being thrown out of car windows; few of our citizens think about recycling their domestic waste,

even if they reside in areas which contain the necessary facilities; and we have succeeded in polluting virtually every major water source.

So it shouldn't have come as a surprise that two of the victims of the Maccabiah bridge disaster died from the inhalation of toxic waste and fluids rather than directly from the injuries sustained in the fall itself. The water courses in the center of the country absorb the pollutant debris of dozens of factories and industrial sites, allowing them to flow, untreated, out to the sea. Woe be to any unsuspecting tourist who decides to go for a swim in one of these streams.

TRUE, we have a nature protection society, and an Environment Ministry. But the former has always been relatively weak in terms of a political lobby, while the latter is one of those ministries which is rarely taken seriously by the incumbent minister. The law aimed at enforcing recycling throughout the country has continually been held up by more powerful political interests.

We complain about the lack of agreement with the Palestinian Authority concerning the contamination of water sources and the flow of pollutants into Israel, but we are unable to clean up our own internal environmental problems.

And it is not only happening in the metropolitan center of the country. Who has not seen the massive scars which have been inflicted upon the rural landscape, as new industrial and commercial parks are set up. So what if these give rise to noxious smells and unseemly images. They are, so the developers and the government ministers will argue, all in the name of economic development, of creating employment, of - and this is the killer argument - bring-

ing the Zionist dream into the realities of the 21st century.

And as for recycling, it is measured in economic terms only. If it is too expensive, then it might as well be stopped.

The Negev, in particular, is subject to much environmental degradation. The industrial park at Ramat Hovav, just a few kilometers outside Beersheba, is responsible for toxic leakage into the soil. The government still wants to remove the accumulated garbage from the Hirya dump outside Tel Aviv to a location in the "unsettled" desert.

Those few areas of the pristine desert which have not yet been given over to the military for its exercises are slowly destined to become the future wastelands and garbage dumps of our post-industrial society.

Unless, that is, we create a real environmental lobby to do something about it. Unless, that is, the many small environmental groups work together to bring real pressure on the government and the Environment Ministry to implement legislation which will preserve the little that is left of our countryside.

And unless, of course, we practice environmental protection at the local level, in our communities, demanding that the local authorities subsidize recycling facilities and see to it that we are more aware of the need to dispose of our waste where it can still be used in a positive fashion.

If we forsake this charge, we - collectively - will be responsible for the continued destruction of our environment and the possibility of future fatalities, of which the unfortunate victims of the Maccabiah tragedy were but the first.

The writer is professor of political geography and director of the Humphrey Institute for Social Research at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

BOOK REVIEW

Shoddy treatment of a feminist icon

By VICTORIA A. BROWNORTH

GLORIA STEINEM: Her Passions, Politics, and Mystique by Sydney Ladenson Stern. Birch Lane Press, 288 pp., \$24.95.

This is Sydney Ladenson Stern's first foray into the biography genre. Readers can only hope it will be her last. Kindly put, Stern has not mastered the art. If Steinem were dead, she'd be spinning in her grave; still living, she may never be able to leave her apartment again. This book embarrasses both author and subject.

access to family, friends and colleagues, as well as more than 50 hours of personal interview time. The result is puzzling.

A svelte and youthful 63, it's difficult to imagine Steinem is going senile, yet what other explanation could there be?

The disjointed tale begins with Steinem's early years. The product of what could charitably be called a dysfunctional family, Steinem was raised alternately by her manic-depressive and drug-addicted mother, an aunt and uncle, and her older sister. The bizarre circumstances of her early life left her with a scatter-shot education and an early talent for embellishing the truth.

Through mysterious means unrevealed by Stern (she tells us Steinem's SAT scores, but not how she paid for tuition to an elite Seven Sisters college), Steinem ended up in 1951 at Smith College, where her political life began and from which she graduated magna cum laude.

A disastrous marriage followed, then an abortion, some work abroad, a journalism career and an involvement with feminism that became the primary passion of her life.

Along the way were several dalliances with famous men, notably director Mike Nichols, writer Ted Sorensen and tycoon Mort Zuckerman.

Steinem became the poster girl for feminism in the 1970s because she was good-looking, smart, articulate and blatantly heterosexual.

A natural leader, she co-founded Ms. magazine, the Ms. Foundation, the National Women's Political Caucus and Voters for Choice. Her feminist political agenda led her to write groundbreaking exposes of everything from the Playboy Club (where she posed as a Bunny) to child sexual abuse.

Extremely accomplished and complex, Steinem is worthy of a competent and well-researched biography.

Instead Stern fixates on Steinem's looks, while never exploring that issue.

She refers repeatedly to Steinem's intellect, yet transcribes taped interviews verbatim — replete with the half-starts and unfinished thoughts inherent in any conversation. The resulting text makes Steinem sound anything but smart, and often downright inane.



Stern's biography is an embarrassment to both author and subject Steinem (above). (Camera Press)

The second wave of feminism that began in the 1960s is a pivotal part of American history; Steinem was a key player. Her political motivation, how she escaped traditional female roles, the impact

of her romances with men, how she made a living — these are vital issues for those for whom she is feminist icon and role model. Perhaps her next biographer will illuminate them. (Baltimore Sun)

A Mir mortal

By MARCIA DUNN

Rhonda Foale made a deal with her daredevil husband long before either of them knew he'd be flying to Russia's ragged space station Mir. First tell me you're fine, then break the bad news.

It all goes back to the day Michael Foale crash-landed his plane.

He and a fellow-NASA astronaut were coming in for a landing at the Galveston, Texas, airport when the single engine failed. The Grumman Tiger four-seater belly-flopped into Galveston Bay and, luckily, did not overturn. The pilots were rescued by boaters.

Foale left this message for his wife on the answering machine: "Hello, I'm fine. But, um, we landed the plane in the water. I'll be home soon." That was it.

Rhonda Foale laughs as she recalls that day back in 1993. "We always joked about that," she said, "that if anything happened to him, I'm fine, but this happened to me today." So whenever a new problem crops up on Mir and her husband's safety is threatened, she remembers Galveston Bay. So does he.

Foale sent this soothing message to his wife of 10 years right after a cargo ship plowed into Mir on June 25, rupturing the station and reducing it to half-power. "This is like other things that have happened to me," she understood.

"It's just like landing the plane in Galveston Bay," explained the cool-headed woman behind the cool-headed man. "Besides," she said, "I don't feel too nerve-racked because we expected lots of things would happen because lots of things happened" during the previous astronaut's Mir stint.

Rhonda Foale understands the perils of space flight better than most. She worked for NASA for eight years as an engineer, specializing in the shuttle robot arm.

She quit after their second child was born in September 1994 and accompanied her husband to the cosmonaut-training center in Star City, Russia, a year later. They returned to their Houston-area home just before space shuttle Atlantis flew him to Mir in May. The shuttle is supposed to return for him in late September.

Rhonda Foale misses her husband, as do their two children. But she realizes that space flight is his dream. He'd love nothing more than to fly to Mars. And both feel strongly that joint US-Russian space efforts like this are essential.

"I just say my prayers. All I can do is say my prayers," she said. "I know the managers are doing a real good job, they're trying to keep those guys safe. And they've always got the Soyuz they can come down in."

Without a doubt, she says, her husband's positive attitude and winsome ways have helped him through the tough times on Mir, as they did in his grueling preparations for this, his fourth and by far longest space flight.

"The Russians are so proud of him," she says. "That is really something for a Russian to accept you and say, 'You're almost like us.' They gave him that compliment even when we were living over there."

The 40-year-old British-born astrophysicist and former underwater expedition diver has not complained since arriving on Mir, either publicly or in his weekly phone calls and twice-or-thrice-weekly computer letters to his wife.

"He's always in a great mood and joking around," said Rhonda Foale, 39. "He'll tell me about watching a movie on the Mir. He writes wonderful notes about [commander] Anatoly, how impressed he was when Anatoly showed up. It was like the cavalry coming in, like John Wayne coming in to straighten things out."

Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov arrived at Mir on August 7 to replace the weary Vasily Tsibliyev and Alexander Lazutkin, who had been on board for six months.

Foale was sorry to see Tsibliyev and Lazutkin go.

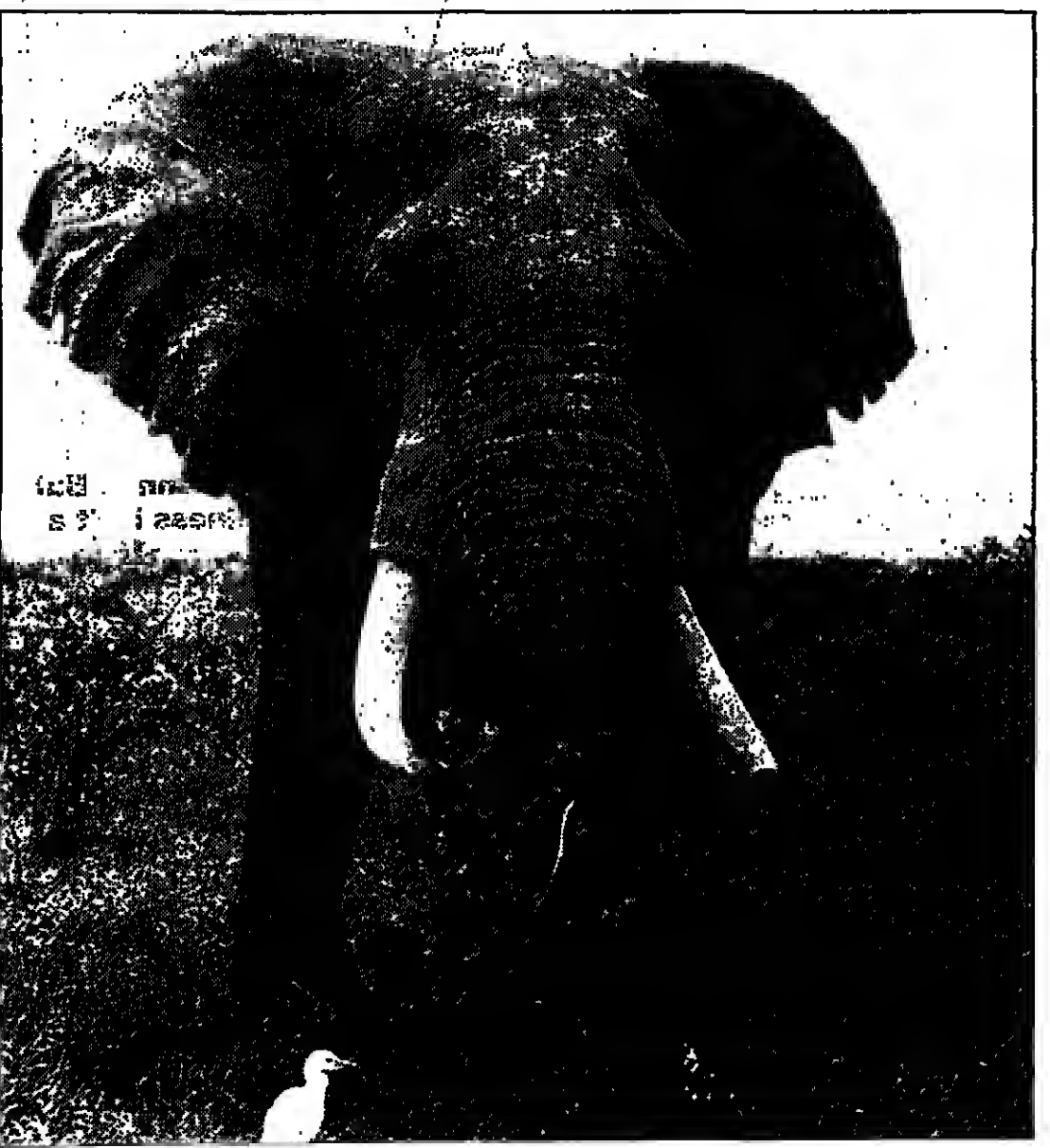
"He says he got all choked up about it and just stared out the window," his wife said.

The three men had been through a lot: the collision, Tsibliyev's stress-induced heart condition, power outages, equipment breakdowns. Before leaving, Tsibliyev praised Foale for doing more than his share. Indeed, the astronaut, a computer whiz, spent what little spare time he had streamlining the electronic mail-retrieval system on the antiquated space station.

Foale may help out in an even bigger way next week. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has given tentative approval for him to go outside with Solovyov to search for holes resulting from the collision.

"He's the first American who's been an almost equal crew member," Rhonda Foale said proudly. "If anyone can help, he can." (AP)

EARTHLY CONCERNS



A hard tusk — guaranteeing that any ivory on the market comes from a legitimate source. (Amri Rubinger)

High stakes

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

The war between those who want to see an absolute ban on ivory trading continues and countries that want to legalize some sales is far from over.

In July, the 138 nations that signed the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) voted in favor of a limited and controlled trade in ivory with Japan in 21 months' time.

More specifically, they approved a request by member states Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia that their elephant populations be removed from the convention's Appendix #1, opening the door to these three states' controlled trade in ivory with Japan.

The three states have large stockpiles of ivory from elephants that either died a natural death or were culled to maintain the herds.

This includes aged bulls, injured animals and surplus younger bulls. (Culling is necessary to balance herds, and keep populations at a level the area can support.)

These countries want to sell this legally obtained ivory and use the proceeds for elephant conservation — more park rangers, better monitoring, damages to farmers whose crops have been damaged or destroyed by elephants, and a wide-ranging survey to see just how many elephants are left in Africa.

For instance, in the Democratic Republic of Congo there may

well be as many as 65,000 forest elephants, but a survey is urgently needed. The three southern African states claim that the legal sale of their ivory stockpiles would provide the necessary funds.

To sell this ivory, these three states and Japan, their trading partner, must convince at least three CITES-appointed monitoring committees that they have set up adequate safeguards to prevent poached ivory being laundered through this market.

That won't be easy, since almost every kind of brand or hallmark in use can be forged. While it is possible to determine ivory's origin using certain radioactive isotope tests, these are too expensive to be practical.

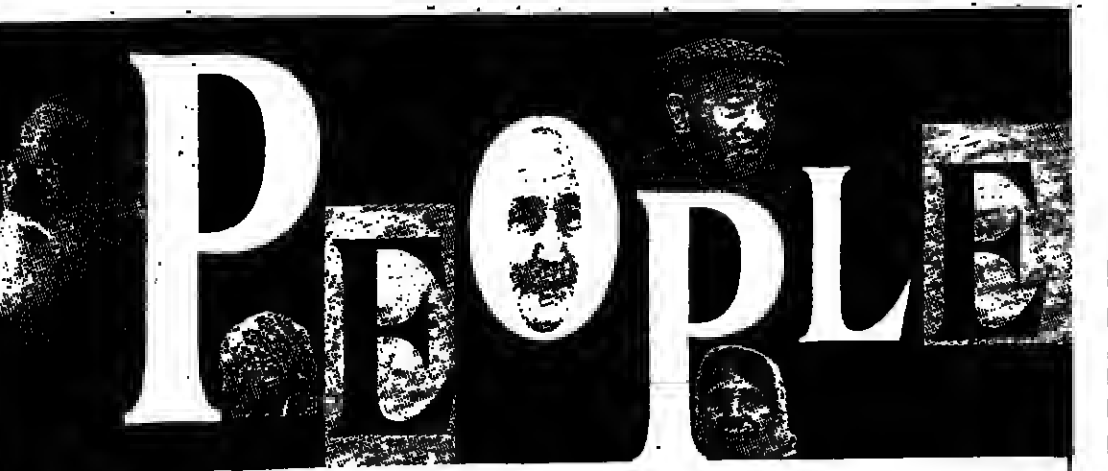
The great fear of most CITES members is that lifting the overall ban on ivory sales will open the door to widespread poaching — a realistic fear, since the price of ivory is very high.

Though a poacher can lose his life in a battle with wildlife control rangers and, if caught, faces anywhere from 10 to 25 years of hard labor, many are willing to take the risk.

A good pair of elephant tusks from even a middle-aged bull will bring in enough money to support a family of five or six for more than a year.

So unless a way can be found to guarantee the legal origin of every tusk sold, it looks as though July's decision to lift the ban will remain on paper.

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Bill Gates bytes into US libraries in a big way

Exit the old-style librarian with his printed index cards. Enter the 'information technology specialist.'
Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports

Few professions have changed so fast in the last few years as that of the librarian. From a cataloger of books searching manually through drawers of printed index cards, the librarian has become an "information technology specialist" speeding over the Information Superhighway.

Bill Gates, the Microsoft chairman - who, because of his wealth and power is the man many computer users love to hate - is having an important impact on libraries in North America.

Eventually, the impact will reach around the world, including the Middle East. A one-time volunteer in his school library as a child, Gates and his wife Melinda have established the Gates Library Foundation to bring computers and digital information to the communities they serve in the US and Canada.

Donating \$200 million - the couple's largest philanthropic gift so far - they aim to link more than half of all North American public libraries to the Net over the next five years, giving the highest priority to institutions in the poorest urban and rural communities.

The initiative is not only supplying the public libraries with hardware and software to give residents access to digital information, it is also supporting and training library staffs to access and manage digital information to maintain and expand their systems as their communities require.

Since Gates adopted the Libraries Online program of the American Library Association and the Technology Resource Institute at the end of 1996, over 200 branches in some 40 library systems have received \$17 million in cash and software donations.



From filling out everything painstakingly in quadruplicate... (W. Braun)

"When dealing with the government, we're used to filling everything out in quadruplicate," noted Lynn Wheeler, assistant director of the Baltimore County Public Library. It has a \$24m. annual budget and 14 branch libraries serving a population of 715,000, and circulates 11 million items a year. "With Microsoft, it was a matter of getting the job done well, but quickly."

Wheeler, whose library system went digital in less than four months after hearing the Gates Foundation's plans, was a guest of a recent Worldnet Dialogue - an on-line interview program of

the US Information Service. Using a satellite linkup, the program brought together Wheeler at a US studio and four senior Israeli librarians sitting in the American Cultural Center in Jerusalem.

The four were Iris Chai, branch director of the Israel Center for Libraries, Zehava Deutch, director of the Kiryat Malachi municipal library, Mustapha Abd El-Fatem, director of the Kaukub public library in Galilee, and Dr. Ora Nebenzahl, head of the Tel Aviv public libraries.

It was an interesting encounter, and the Israeli librarians - whose

funding is constantly being squeezed by municipal budget cuts - were obviously envious of their American counterparts.

Wheeler noted that in her own Baltimore County, residents who had never set foot in a library began to come in. Some poor kids who used one library building's wall to play basketball entered and tried out the networked computers, which are available to residents at no cost.

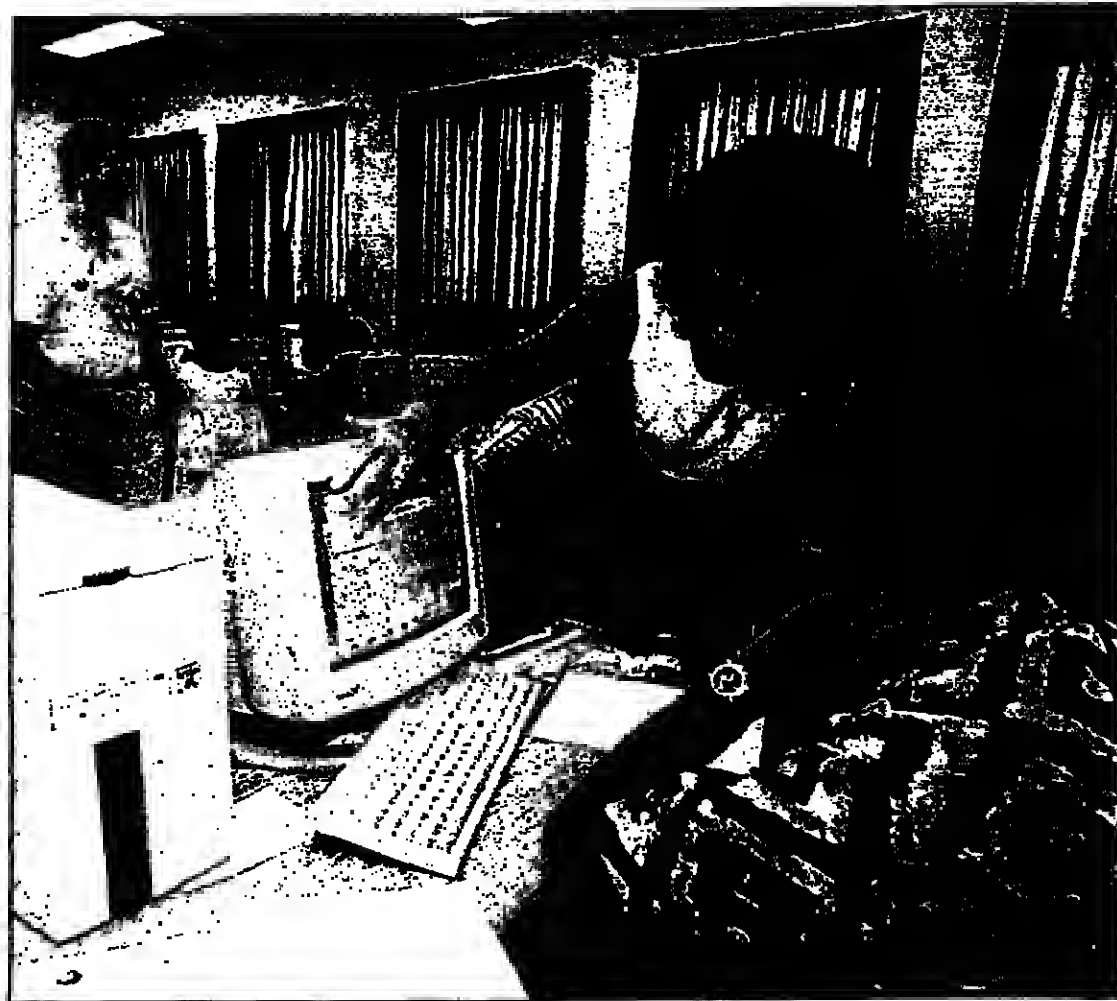
The only charge was for printing out material at 10 cents a page, to help cover expenses and prevent the demand from getting out of hand.

Wheeler noted that "libraries find themselves in a very exciting and challenging time. We compare our electronic services to Gutenberg's printing press. They have opened a whole new area of access to the public. Libraries have a new role - but there are complications, including staffing and funding problems because of the constant need to upgrade."

Asked by Nebenzahl how she and her colleagues managed to attract low-income residents to the on-line libraries, Wheeler expressed her surprise at the question. "We started in the first library with six state-of-the-art personal computers and all the necessary software. We opened - and they flocked in." It was a different population from Baltimore County's regular library users, she said. There were lots of disadvantaged people and teenagers.

"How many teens know the names of CEOs [chief executive officers] of US corporations? But now they know the name of Bill Gates." There were also many older people who had never even held a computer mouse before, but wanted to correspond with their grandchildren via E-mail.

Wheeler said that the poor suddenly had access to hardware and software that previously were enjoyed only by the better off. "They were able to prepare professional resumes and print them out or send them by E-mail, using the



... to going on-line, speeding over the Information Highway.

(Suzanne Thran)

same resources as the rich communities."

El-Fatem complained about the Israeli Arab sector's language difficulties in utilizing the Internet, and disclosed that there are different book-classification systems for Arabic-language and Hebrew-language books, which causes many complications.

Wheeler said that the development of foreign-language software has been slow in coming, and the fact that English is the main language of the Internet is difficult to overcome. As for the limited budgets of Israeli libraries, especially in the Arab sector, the Baltimore library expert said some rural American libraries had no more than \$100 a year to spend on new acquisitions.

But she added that once the on-line libraries started functioning and became packed with customers, their popularity induced government authorities to add budgets.

"We had a \$300,000 shortfall that was restored after they saw how well it was working," she recalled. "It gives leveraging power." The same thing, Wheeler suggested, could happen in Israel.

Deutch of Kiryat Malachi described the difficulties of introducing the Internet to the population, 35% of whom are immigrants from Russia and Ethiopia. "We have to give their kids the opportunity so that their familiarity with computers will be no less than other, richer Israelis when they reach university age," Deutch said.

Wheeler suggested that several public institutions could cooperate, opening an on-line computer center in a health clinic or day-care center to save on expenses in places where a full-fledged library building is unavailable. Another idea put forward was a mobile library with an on-line computer based on the old bookmobile, that would travel to outlying commu-

nities.

Turning to the question of attracting "unsavory" types who might use the public facilities to access pornographic sites on the Net, Wheeler said the matter of privacy was sensitive and complicated. "We tried filters [using lists of key words to prevent users from accessing pornographic sites], but they were very ineffective. It kept us from reaching an Essex County link, because it contains the word 'sex,' and information about breast cancer couldn't be accessed, for example. We nevertheless reserve the right to cut off an inappropriate site that is 'broadcast' through the library."

For more information, Libraries Online has an Internet site at <http://librariesonline.org>. The Baltimore County Library site is at <http://www.bcppl.lib.md.us>, while Lynn Wheeler can be contacted by e-mail at lwheeler@mail.bcppl.lib.md.us.

TELL ME WHY

Thin on the top

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Why is it that when men go bald, hair (nearly) always remains on the back and sides of their heads? Is man genetically programmed to have some hair to protect his brain? Steven, Beersheba.

Dr. Ronni Wolf, a dermatologist at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv who has written a book on hair, replies:

Testosterone, the male sex hormone, affects the tendency of men to go bald. The top of the head has a different kind of testosterone receptor than the sides and back of the head. This receptor allows the hair follicle to remain vital on the sides and back of the head in a person who has a genetic tendency to baldness. Receptors on the top of the head don't keep testosterone metabolism active indefinitely, and die in a man with this genetic tendency, causing the hair to fall out and not replace itself.

This phenomenon is the reason we can transplant hair from the sides and back of the head to the bald front and top. This hair - with its follicles' different receptors - continues to grow indefinitely.

There is a different type of male baldness, *alopecia areata*, that has no connection to testosterone metabolism.

It is an auto-immune condition in which the body kills off the follicles that produce hair. This condition can affect the whole head, and not only the top.

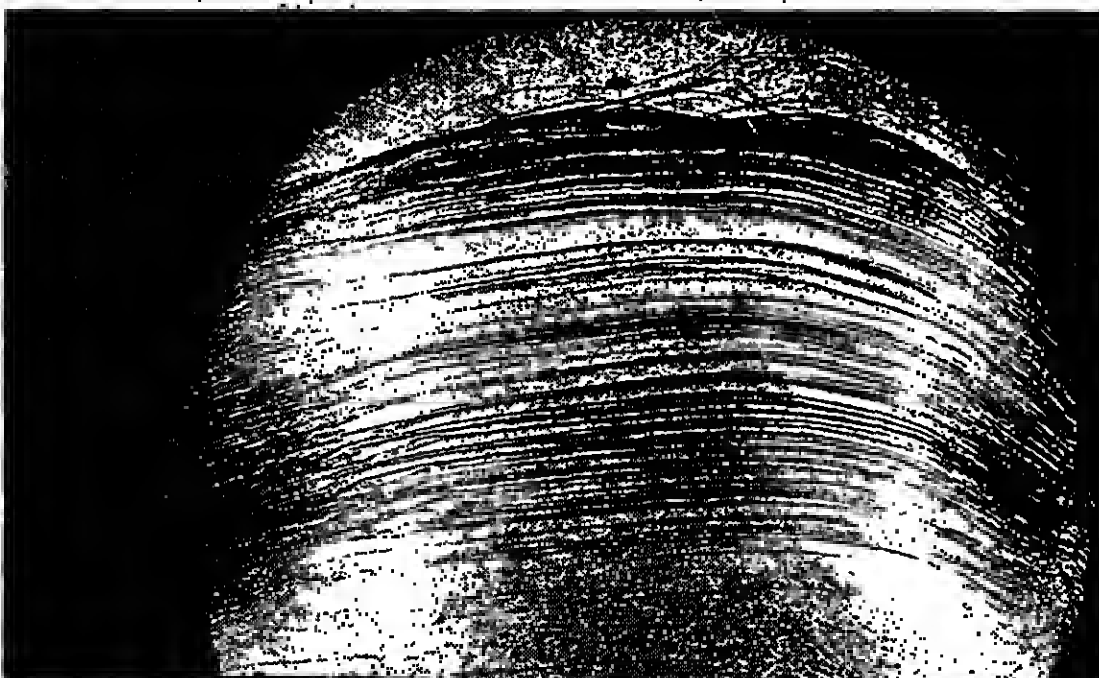
Whether this was an evolutionary measure to protect the brain, I don't think anyone can say with certainty.

Why is it that some stars are white and some, like our sun, are yellow? Are some stars other colors as well, and if so, what is the reason? Batya, age 12, Tel Aviv.

Prof. Ariel Cohen, head of the department of atmospheric sciences and astronomy at the Hebrew University, answers:

All stars have a spectrum of colors. The eye absorbs all of them together and translates them into shades of red, yellow or white. But this is not enough to explain the difference. We can learn a great deal about the colors of stars, which can be accurately portrayed in photographs of heavenly bodies.

The redder they are, the younger they are. As they age - and we are



Are men 'programmed' to keep some hair to protect the brain? Some men might opt for a little more hair, a little less brain. (Lester J. Millman)

talking about billions of years - they become more yellow. At the end of their existence, they gradually turn white.

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NEW WORLDS

Apple for the teacher

BY POST SCIENCE REPORTER

On the eve of the new school year, 80 ORT teachers were learning how to teach their pupils to study without teachers. The special course - the first of its kind in Israel - will make the teachers an integral part of the country's first "virtual school," named Aviv.

ORT and the Hebrew University's Snuitt program (a supplementary curriculum on the Internet for junior and senior high-school pupils) at <http://www.snuitt.k12.il> have joined forces on the project. Youngsters at 10 schools, linked via high-speed lines to the Internet, will study - at their own pace - subjects not covered in depth, or at all, in their classrooms. The model project is expected to have significant implications for the entire school system.

BGU AHEAD WITH ATM

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is leading the pack in high-tech computer communications systems for students, researchers and staffs. It has installed a system called ATM that transmits text, sound, photographs and video simultaneously over a single high-speed line.

The system, which replaces the conventional communications network, will allow those on campus to collaborate on projects with colleagues on or off campus.

Bivat Computer Communications won the tender for the project, which in its first stage is worth NIS 1.5 million.

The university is also in the midst of a pioneering project in which 800 computers and servers in the department for electrical and computer engineering, the mechanical engineering building and the university's computing center will be linked. If all goes according to plan, by the end of 1998, 2,200 computers will be connected to ATM lines.

SUPER-SOL SATELLITE

Six Super-Sol branches around the country have been hooked up to satellite communications and integrated service digital networks (ISDN) in an experiment carried out with technical help from Bezeq-Com Communications.

The link may have no effect on grocery delivery, but it does improve security, and allows staffers to be trained across large distances.

Lecturers at the supermarket chain's logistics center in Petah Tikva can teach new staffers sitting at a computer screen in their branches and answer their ques-

tions over a telephone linked to the same line. The lecturers can see the staffers as they study and control TV cameras installed in study rooms. Multiple-choice exams, presentations and training films are piped over the computer network, while grades are analyzed and kept as records.

Bezeq-Com Communications director-general Yeruham Sheri says the system could also be suitable for other retailers, banks, schools and security forces.

ROUTING CALLS

Cellcom's new "virtual private network" will relay calls to subscribers' home or work phones if their cellular phone doesn't answer by allowing a caller to leave a message in the subscriber's voice mailbox.

The service can be ordered by dialing *123 on the cellular phone, and paying a one-time fee of NIS 15, which includes the voice mailbox. The subscriber will also be charged for air time, and Bezeq charges if he answers from the second or third phone number.

In addition, businesses with more than 50 cellular phones can sign up for a new service that would make each employee reachable by dialing a short code.

The charge is NIS 300 for the business and a monthly NIS 5 fee for each cellular phone.

WANTED: MINI ELVIS

No pop star could play the world's tiniest guitar - which is about the size of a single blood cell, or 20 times thinner than a human hair. And even if one could pluck its six tiny strings, no one could hear the music. Cornell University scientists carved the guitar out of crystalline silicon to show the possibilities of building devices at the microscopic level.

The guitar itself is just 10 micrometers long (a micrometer is one-millionth of a meter). The strings are each about 50 nanometers wide (a nanometer is a billionth of a meter). "The guitar was made for fun, but demonstrates a new technology that can be used to fabricate extremely small mechanical devices for a variety of electronics and other industries," says Cornell spokesman Larry Bernard.

Harold Craighead, an engineer who supervised the guitar's construction, says it's still technically possible to make devices even smaller.

"The question is how small we can go and still have dependable and measurable mechanical properties. We are nearing the technological limit, where it gets harder to get smaller than that."

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HEALTH SCAN

Cut the fat, spare the knife

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Cut most of the fat out of your diet, eat less - and you may be spared surgical intervention as a treatment for chest pains.

A special low-fat diet offered at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava prevents, in certain circumstances, the need for catheterization in patients suffering from angina pectoris, or a lack of oxygen reaching the heart.

The regimen is based on a drastic reduction in fats that people eat every day.

Patients are instructed to cut fat to only 15% of their daily food intake of only 1,500 calories a day.

So far, the results have been very impressive, according to Meir physicians. They say many patients have reported a significant reduction in symptoms, even over a long period.

Meir Hospital will soon be opening an institute for the prevention of heart disease and rehabilitation, with special stress on diet.

According to Prof. Daniel David, director of the hospital's cardiology institute, the real

solution to atherosclerosis (clogged coronary arteries) is prevention.

Significantly cutting fat can halt the advance of the disease in an impressive number of cases. It can even make the problem recede and eliminate the need for immediate catheterization, David says.

SHALOM SALMONELLA
Salmonella, a potentially fatal bacterium that causes diarrhea, does not come from the "fishy" word "salmon."

You can catch salmonella from a salmon, but not etymologically, says Jeff Aronson, a clinical pharmacologist (and landsman) in Oxford.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, Aronson claims the name comes from the Hebrew word *shalom*.

It was coined in 1900 by Frenchman J. Lignieres after the American pathologist Daniel Elmer Salmon (1850-1914). The pathologist's name is a derivation from Solomon (*Shlomo*), which originates from *shalom*.

Unfortunately, salmonella is not very peaceful.

Aronson also notes that a

Let go of Gore

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NEAR MISS - Manchester United's Andy Cole (r) narrowly misses a goal as Bolton Wanderers Keith Branagan defends. The match ended 0-0.

Manchester Utd, Blackburn each in scoreless draw

LONDON (AP) - The top two teams in the Premier League - Manchester United and Blackburn - each played scoreless draws yesterday when surprising Leicester beat Leeds 1-0 and moved into third place.

Manchester United has 17 points to 14 each for Blackburn and Leicester with Chelsea and Arsenal with 12 each pending their showdown against each other today.

Manchester United's 0-0 draw at north England rival Bolton offered little action around the ball, but plenty away from it.

Bolton's Nathan Blake and Manchester United's Gary Pallister were each given a red card in the 34th minute in a pushing incident that eventually saw fists raised.

The sendings off and a half-dozen other bookings in the first half took the edge off the rest of the match.

"I don't think there were a lot of scoring chances in the game understated Bolton manager Col Todd. "There were two teams at there who fought fiercely for 90 minutes."

Bolton is undefeated in two games in its new Reebok stadium - but the club has yet to score a goal there, either.

Blackburn played a 0-0 draw at Tottenham and was thoroughly out-played in the first half but fortunate to come away with a draw.

Leicester, just off a six-point game - a 2-1 loss at Atletico Madrid in the UEFA Cup - got a 32nd minute goal for Steve Walsh for the winner at Leeds. Leeds is in third on goal difference behind

Blackburn's Aston Villa 2, Derby 1 (0-1) Derby jumped to a 1-0 lead in the 15th minute when Francesco Balzano scored, but Dwight Yorke equalized in the 73rd and Julian Joachi got the winner two minutes later.

Both 0, Manchester Utd 0 Tottenham derby saw few real scoring chances. The best might have come in the 65th when Scott Setts beat Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel with a lo-chip, but the play was called off. Bolton's first game in its new Reebok stadium was also a 0-0 draw, this time against Everton.

Everton 4, Barnsley 2 (2-1) On a day with few goals, this game provided more than its share. Everton's Gary Speed scored two. He opened the scoring in the 12th and then gave Everton a 3-1 lead in the 77th on a penalty.

Neil Redfean had scored for Barnsley in the 32nd and Danny Cadamarteri scored in the 42nd for Everton. Darren Barnard scored in the 78th for Barnsley and John Oster wrapped up the goals for Everton in the 84th.

Leeds 0, Leicester 1 (0-1) Captain Steve Walsh got the only goal in the 32nd as Leicester moved into third place. American Kasey Keller was in goal for Leicester and picked up the shutout. Leicester has 14 points - the same as Blackburn but trails on goal difference.

Sheff Wed 0, Coventry 0 The scoreless draw left Sheffield Wednesday with only five points in seven games - just one point

ahead of last-place Southampton. Coventry has nine points after seven games.

Southampton 1, Liverpool 1 (0-1) German Karlheinz Riedle gave Liverpool a 1-0 lead in the 57th, just minutes before Southampton's Matthew Tissier was taken out of the game with a thigh injury. Southampton - last in the league with only four points - equalized in the 48th on a Kevin Davies goal. Liverpool has nine points in six games.

Tottenham 0, Blackburn 0 Blackburn was fortunate to get the draw as Tottenham dominated in the first half and had several good scoring chances. Tottenham played without injured forwards Les Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong.

West Ham 0, Newcastle 1 (0-1) John Barnes got his first goal for his new club - a 44th minute strike - as the Magpies kept riding high after a 3-2 win last week over Barcelona in the Champions League.

Premier League

Wimbledon 0, Crystal P 1 (0-0) Italian Attilio Lombardo got the winner for Crystal Palace in the 80th. Wimbledon is in 18th place in the 20-team league with only five points in six games. Palace has nine points from seven games.

Aston Villa 2, Derby 1: Bolton 0, Manchester United 0; Everton 4, Barnsley 2; Leeds 0, Leicester 1; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Coventry 0; Southampton 1, Liverpool 1; Tottenham 0, Blackburn 0; West Ham 0, Newcastle 1; Wimbledon 0, Crystal Palace 1.

Division One

Crewe 2, Queens Park Rangers 3;

Ipswich 2, Stoke 3; Manchester City 1, Norwich 2; Middlesbrough 3, Birmingham 1; Nottingham Forest 1, Portsmouth 0; Oxford United 0, Sheffield United 4; Port Vale 1, Bury 1; Stockport 3, Huddersfield 0; Sunderland 1, Wolverhampton 1; Tranmere 6, Reading 0; West Brom 0, Swindon 0.

Division Two

Blackpool 2, Oldham 2; Bristol City 1, Bournemouth 1; Burnley 1, Preston 1; Carlisle 2, Plymouth 2; Chesterfield 0, Bristol Rovers 0; Gillingham 2, Watford 2; Grimsby 0, Millwall 1; Luton 2, Wrexham 5; Northampton 1, Wigan 0; Southend 1, Fulham 0; Walsall 2, York 0.

Division Three

Barnet 0, Scunthorpe 1; Darlington 1, Hartlepool 1; Doncaster 0, Cambridge United 0; Exeter 3, Rotherham 1; Lincoln 1, Cardiff 0; Mansfield 4, Chester 1; Peterborough 2, Leyton Orient 0; Rochdale 2, Hull 1; Scarborough 2, Macclesfield 1; Shrewsbury 1, Notts County 2; Swansea 0, Colchester 1; Torquay 3, Brighton 0.

Scottish Premier

Celtic 2, Aberdeen 0; Hearts 2, Dundee United 1; Motherwell 1, Fibrcan 1; St. Johnstone 0, Rangers 2.

Leading scorers after yesterday's matches

7 - Chris Sutton (Blackburn)

6 - Ian Wright (Arsenal), Kevin Gallacher (Blackburn)

5 - Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal)

4 - Benito Carbone (Sheff Wed), John Harrison (West Ham), Gianluca Vialli (Chelsea), Rod Wallace (Leeds)

3 - Nathan Blake (Bolton), Dion Dublin (Coventry), Les Ferdinand (Tottenham), Dan Petrescu (Chelsea), Kevin Davies (Southampton), Neil Redfean (Barnsley)

Woodies keep Aussies alive

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge kept Australia alive in the Davis Cup semifinals against the U.S., beating Pete Sampras and Todd Martin 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4 yesterday.

Woodforde and Woodbridge used superior teamwork to defeat two players more renowned for singles work. Sampras and Martin, although 6-1 lifetime as a pair going into the match, were playing together for the first time since 1995.

The U.S., which won both singles matches Friday, will take a 2-1 lead into today's reverse singles of the best-of-5 series. Sampras will play US Open champion Patrick Rafter, while Michael Chang will face Mark Philippoussis at the FitzGerald Tennis Center.

The winner will face Italy or Sweden in the finals November 28-30. Sweden leads Italy 2-1 after splitting Friday's singles and capturing yesterday's doubles.

Set when the Americans seemed to lose intensity, Sampras was broken when he hit back-to-back backhands into the net, and Martin did likewise with a backhand volley to let the Aussies back into the match.

Woodforde and Woodbridge won both the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year, and were finalists at the French Open. They improved to 10-2 lifetime in Davis Cup play.

Sweden-Italy

Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulti whipped Omar Camporese and Diego Nargiso 6-1, 6-6 before a partisan crowd at the Himmelstalundshallen indoor arena in Norrkoping to give Sweden a 2-1 lead going in today's reverse singles.

McGwire (54), Griffey (53) still chasing Maris

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Mark McGwire hit his 54th homer to help the St. Louis Cardinals rally to win beat Pittsburgh 6-5 in 11 innings Friday night, keeping the Pirates 3/4 games behind Houston in the NL Central race.

McGwire is one homer ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. and needs seven homers in his final nine games to tie Roger Maris' record of 61, set in 1961.

Rookie Eli Marrero won it with his second homer of the season - a leadoff drive in the 11th off Rich Loiselle (1-5).

Curtis King (4-1) threw one scoreless inning, and Dennis Eckersley pitched the 11th for his 36th save.

Reds 5, Astros 4

Host Cincinnati piled up 11 hits off Chris Holt (8-11), three by Willie Greene. Houston's magic number for clinching the division remained at seven.

The Reds won for the sixth time in nine games and improved to 28-26 under manager Jack McKeon, who before the game was given a contract extension through 1998.

Braves 2, Expos 1

John Smoltz (15-12) pitched a five-hitter as host Atlanta, already assured of its sixth straight postseason berth, won with just three hits and lowered its magic number for clinching the NL East to four.

Smoltz took a three-hit shutout into the ninth but Jose Vidro hit his second homer of the season with one out.

Marlins 5, Mets 2

Al Leiter (10-9) allowed four hits in eight shutout innings and

host Florida reduced the magic number for clinching their first playoff berth to four.

Giants 7, Padres 4

Barry Bonds homered for the third consecutive game, and visiting San Francisco regained sole possession of the NL West lead, taking a one-game lead over Los Angeles.

Rockies 6, Dodgers 4

Jeff Reed hit two solo homers and Vinny Castilla scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning on a wild pitch by Hideo Nomo (13-12).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Mariners 9, Athletics 4

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 53rd homer in the top of the ninth inning and Jamie Moyer pitched seven strong innings to win his sixth straight decision.

Griffey is 0-for-3 with a walk before connecting on a 3-2 pitch from Aaron Small. It was his first home run since hitting two September 15 against Toronto.

Griffey has eight games remaining in his chase of Maris.

Griffey's shot to right field came after Kelly gave the Mariners an 8-2 lead with a two-run homer off Small. Griffey's 141 RBIs lead the majors and broke the club's season-single record he set last year.

Tigers 5, Orioles 3 (10)

Visiting Detroit blew a three-run lead in the ninth inning, then got a home run from pinch-hitter Phil Nevin in the 10th to beat slumping Baltimore.

Despite losing for the seventh time in 11 games, the Orioles' magic number to clinch the AL

East dropped to four as a result of the New York Yankees' 3-0 loss to Toronto.

Baltimore third baseman Cal Ripken went 0-for-4 and is 3-for-33 in his last nine games. Ripken, who has been bothered by a bad back, struck out with two outs and the winning run on second base in the ninth.

Blue Jays 3, Yankees 0

Omar Daal and four Toronto relievers temporarily stalled host New York's bid to clinch a playoff spot.

Wild Card

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	11	6	.647	-
Anheim	10	7	.588	1 1/2

Games Remaining

NY (9) - HOME (7); Sep. 20, 21, 22, Toronto, ANNY (6); Sep. 23, 24, 25, Cleveland, 26, 27, 28, Detroit, ANAMEX (8) - HOME (6); Sep. 25, 26, 27, 28, Texas, ANNY (9); Sep. 20, 21, Texas, 23, 24, Seattle.

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	10	6	.625	-
San Francisco	10	6	.625	0 1/2
Los Angeles	11	7	.611	1 1/2
New York	12	7	.632	2 1/2

Games Remaining

FLORIDA (9) - HOME (7); Sep. 20, 21, 22, N.Y. Mets, ANNY (6); Sep. 23, 24, 25, Montreal, 26, 27, 28, Philadelphia.

SAN FRANCISCO (8) - HOME (6); Sep. 26, 27, 28, San Diego, ANNY (5); Sep. 20, 21, 22, San Diego, 23, 24, Colorado.

LOS ANGELES (8) - HOME (6); Sep. 20, 21, Colorado, 23, 24, San Diego, ANNY (4); Sep. 25, 26, 27, 28, Colorado.

NY (9) - HOME (6); Sep. 23, 24, Pittsburgh, 26, 27, 28, Atlanta, ANNY (3); Sep. 20, 21, 22, Florida.

Friday's AL results: Kansas City 10, Cleveland 3 (1st); Cleveland 6, Kansas City 2 (2nd); Chicago 5 Boston 4 (10); Detroit 5, Baltimore 3 (10); Toronto 3, New York 0; Milwaukee 7, Minnesota 4; Anaheim 7, Texas 1; Seattle 5, Oakland 4; Thursday's AL results: Oakland 7, Anaheim 3; Boston 3, Toronto 2; Detroit 9, NY 7; Baltimore 4, Milwaukee 3; Cleveland 4, Minnesota 1; Chicago 9, Kansas City 2; Seattle 6, Texas 3.

Friday's NL results: Colorado 6, Los Angeles 4; San Francisco 7, San Diego 4; Philadelphia 10, Chicago 5 (5-2 innings); Florida 5, New York 2; St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 5 (11); Cincinnati 5, Houston 4; Atlanta 2, Montreal 1.

Thursday's NL results: Chicago 4, St. Louis 3; San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 5 (12); Florida 8, Philadelphia 2; San Diego 7, Colorado 6; Pittsburgh 12, Houston 3; Cincinnati 6, Montreal 3; Atlanta 11, NY 4.

Glamorgan triumph as Kent finish 2nd again

LONDON (Reuters) - Glamorgan won the English county cricket championship yesterday for the first time in 28 years when they beat Somerset by 10 wickets at Taunton.

After scoring 527 in their first innings Glamorgan bowled out

Somerset for 25 and then 285, polishing off the necessary 11 runs without fuss.

The 24 pts gained by Glamorgan met nearest challengers Kent to settle for second position after beating Surrey by five wicket Canterbury.

It was the end of a sad season for Kent who also finished runners-up in the Benson and Hedges Cup and the Sunday League.

They finished on 256 points, four clear of Kent and well ahead of Yorkshire and Warwickshire whose matches will end today.

Hapoel Tel Aviv take over top soccer spot

By AMMANIAH de VRIES

Following the weekend's soccer action, Hapoel Tel Aviv seized sole control of first place after a convincing 2-0 away win over Hapoel Beit She'an on Friday. The Tel Avivians toppled former leaders Hapoel Jerusalem off the summit after the latter club could manage only a 1-1 draw away to Bnei Yehuda thanks to a very late equalizer scored by Laszlo Cze.

At the other end of the table, Maccabi Tel Aviv are still in dire straits following another loss, this time to Hapoel Petah Tikva (See Match Reports). The visitors came back from a one-goal deficit to win 2-1 and leave prestige club Maccabi at the bottom of the standings and still looking for their first win.

The weekend's action was marred by a riot at Sakhin where the Second Division match between home side Bnei Sakhin and Hapoel Taiba had to be abandoned after 23 minutes with the hosts leading 1-0. Taiba fans appeared to be the culprits, as an exchange of animosities turned into a free-for-all with missiles being hurled from the crowd.

Police had to use tear gas to quell the unrest and 16 people were taken to hospital in Nahariya. Four of the injured suffered moderate wounds and were kept for observation. The other 12 were released. Some 15 of the rioters were detained by police for questioning. Initially, only 15 police officers were present at the match. Reinforcements, ambulances and other first aid units arrived on the scene later. The IFA will decide the fate of the game later this week.

Friday's play brought two away wins. Fifth place Maccabi Haifa had an easy time overcoming Hapoel Kfar Sava 2-0. Sergei Kandaurov and Ibrahim Dura were Haifa's marksmen.

Top of the table Hapoel Tel

Aviv's 2-0 away win was achieved through Ofer Shitrit who struck both goals for the visitors, the second on a penalty.

Maccabi Herzliya drew 1-1 away to Maccabi Petah Tikva. The visitors pulled ahead early with a fifth minute goal by Roman Filipchuk. Petah Tikva came back in the 18th, when Raz Rabinovich found the back of the Herzliya net. But, only 16 minutes later Rabinovich's glory went sour as he was shown the red card for hitting Herzliya's Dan Bachar in the face. Still, Petah Tikva proved themselves to be the better of the two sides, holding on to gain a point despite being down a player.

In Ashdod, a mini southern derby took place as Ironi Ashdod and Hapoel Ashkelon battled to a 2-2 draw. As in Petah Tikva, the visitors pulled ahead early. Boaz Meir scored off of a free kick in the third minute. Yigal Zrihan equalized for the hosts in the 18th minute and in the second half Ashkelon once again pulled ahead as David Kaselashvili scored in the 47th. Putting an exciting finish on the match, Naor Galili assured Ashdod a share of the points two minutes from the end.

Hapoel Haifa's challenge for the title continued with a solid 2-0 home victory against Ironi Rishon LeZion yesterday. The scoreline fails to reflect the dynamic quality of the Haifaite's team play.

Sagi Strauss playing in goal for Rishon managed to deny Ofer Tulker early in the second half, but had no such luck when Hapoel's Liron Basis gave the hosts the lead in the 58th minute. Giovanni Rosso added from the penalty spot late in the game to secure another valuable three points for Haifa.

The remaining match, between current titlists Betar Jerusalem and State Cup holders Hapoel Beersheba, will be played on Tuesday. The match was rescheduled due to Beersheba's European engagement last Thursday.

National League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hapoel Tel Aviv	6	4	2	0	15	5	14
Hapoel Petah Tikva	6	4	2	0	9	3	12
Hapoel Jerusalem	6	3	3	0	6	3	12
Maccabi Haifa	6	3	1	2	4	11	10
Betar Jerusalem	5	2	3	0	7	4	9
Ironi Ashdod	4	2	1	1	9	9	7
Ironi Rishon LeZion	6	2	2	2	8	8	6
Bnei Yehuda	6	1	3	2	8	2	4
Maccabi Petah Tikva	6	1	3	2	7	2	4
Hapoel Beit She'an	6	1	3	2	7	2	4
Maccabi Herzliya	6	1	2	3	10	2	5
Hapoel Beersheba	5	1	2	2	7	2	5
Hapoel Ashkelon	6	1	2	3	11	3	5
Maccabi Tel Aviv	6	1	3	2	11	3	5
Hapoel Kfar Sava	6	1	1	4	12	4	3

Second Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hapoel Ashdod	4	4	0	0	16	2	12
Maccabi Jaffa	4	4	0	0	12	2	12
Maccabi Kfar Sava	4	3	0	1	8	4	10
Zadim Holon	4	2	1	1	4	4	10
Hapoel Ramat Gan	4	2	1	1	5	8	8
Hapoel Taiba	4	2	1	1	6	2	7
Hapoel Lod	4	2	1	1	7	1	5
Hapoel Kfar Sava	4	2	1	1	7	1	5
Maccabi Herzliya	4	2	1	1	4	5	5
Maccabi Acre	4	1	2	1	5	2	4
Betar Tel Aviv	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Bnei Sakhin	4	1	3	0	7	3	3
Hapoel Kfar Sava	4	2	2	0	5	2	2
Maccabi Lyova	4	1	1	2	11	10	2
Maccabi Kfar Sava	4	1	1	2	10	4	2
Hapoel Ashdod	4	1	1	2	10	7	2
Hapoel Lod	4	1	1	2	10	7	2

National League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hapoel Kfar Sava	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bnei Yehuda	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hapoel Beit She'an	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Maccabi Petah Tikva	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bnei Ashdod	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Maccabi Tel Aviv	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hapoel Haifa	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

Second Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Maccabi Haifa	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bnei Sakhin	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Maccabi Kfar Sava	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Betar Tel Aviv	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hapoel Kfar Sava	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hapoel Ashdod	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hapoel Lod	5	0	0	0	0	0	2

Notes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

*Abandoned after 23 minutes

MATCH REPORTS

By DEREK FANTAL

Several hundred Maccabi fans stood jeered their team and coach after this third defeat of the season, a 2-1 loss to Hapoel Petah Tikva.

The double-winners of two seasons ago continue to inhabit the relegation zone with just three points from a possible 18 and unless coach Avraham Grant can arrest the rot soon he could find that the club's board are forced to take drastic measures to bring about the change in fortunes the club's impatient fans are demanding.

The Tel Avivians started off on the right foot with Eli Drifts driving an angled pass from the left by Avi Nimni straight into goal to put Maccabi 1-0 ahead after seven minutes.

The Petah Tikva response came quickly and effectively when Andrei Kristofic supplied a cross that an unmarked Daniel Abbas headed into the Tel Aviv goal for a 13th-minute equalizer.

Having conceded a goal, the confidence drained from Maccabi's play and it came as no

surprise when Petah Tikva took the lead just after the half hour. A well-taken free kick by Manor Hassan from some 20 meters out tore through the Maccabi defensive wall. Unnoticed, goalkeeper Alexander Obarov did well to dive and parry the ball, which spun up into the air only to be headed in by Hapoel's Eli Arbabenel.

The next clear chance fell to Nimni who failed to direct a free header into goal with Shai Hess stranded at the near post.

In the second half Hassan was unfortunate to see a free kick hit the crossbar. Tel Aviv's chances of finding salvation ended with the dismissal of Nimni with a red card for a clumsy challenge on Hassan in the 76th minute.

Bnei Yehuda 1, Hap Jerusalem 1

Hapoel lost the leadership which they had held over the previous two rounds as a result of this draw played yesterday evening before a pitiful audience of less than a thousand.

Bnei Yehuda coach Viktor Hadad managed to stifle the team that has surprised the pundits this season through man-to-man marking of Jerusalem dynamo Michel Dayan, and match tactics that allowed his side to move forward with purpose without sacrificing defensive cover.

Bnei Yehuda seized the lead in the eighth minute when Sahar Mizrahi collected a well-weighted through-pass and fired straight at Jerusalem goalkeeper Liran Strauber who somehow let the ball continue into his net.

Precious little followed in the way of clear opportunities from either side.

By the 89th minute, it appeared that Hapoel were on their way to the first defeat of the campaign when a corner ball bounced off either the shoulder or arm of Jerusalem's Laslo Cze and through the legs of the stunned Rafi Cohen for a last-gasp equalizer.

Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Ori Lewis

A Matter of Fact

National Football League Statistics Through Week 3

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Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Dillon, L.B.	70	42	491	4	0
Johnson, Min.	118	79	837	5	2
Johnson, Dal.	104	57	671	5	0
Mitchell, De.	105	57	751	4	2
Favre, G.B.	109	58	758	4	2
Claudian, A.T.	67	40	572	3	1
Brown, M.T.	108	57	644	3	1
T. Brown, Phil.	87	46	480	2	0
L. Graham, Ariz.	123	63	629	2	1
Kramer, Chi.	94	49	494	3	2

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
R. Smith, Min.	297	308	7.9	78	1
Levens, G.B.	45	292	4.5	23	1
E. Smith, Dal.	72	292	4.1	44	0
R. Harris, Chi.	43	272	6.3	68	4
Gunn, T.B.	48	268	5.6	52	2
Winters, Phil.	61	244	4.0	24	1
Phillips, S.C.	62	237	3.8	4	0
Johnson, Car.	42	227	4.6	20	0
Sanders, D.C.	44	214	4.9	28	1
Heartz, S.F.	48	205	4.3	35	1

Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Carter, Min.	33	377	11.4	35	3
Moore, Dal.	20	264	13.2	43	3
Reed, Min.	19	268	14.1	56	1
Sanders, Ariz.	17	181	10.6	27	1
R. Moore, Ariz.	15	231	14.4	47	2
Ivins, Dal.	15	244	16.3	55	2
Callaway, M.T.	15	160	10.7	21	2
Timpano, Phil.	14	180	12.9	25	4
Engram, Chi.	14	147	10.5	18	1
Adair, Was.	14	112	8.0	16	0
Conners, Ariz.	14	102	7.3	34	0

Punt Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sanders, Dal.	6	92	15.3	38	0
Palmer, Min.	7	99	14.1	30	0
Schroeder, G.B.	11	154	14.0	46	0
Uweziwe, S.F.	6	77	12.8	36	0
Goldfarb, M.D.	19	126	12.6	23	0
Seay, Phil.	6	42	10.7	42	0
Imms, T.B.	6	42	10.5	25	0
Tomczak, M.T.	13	114	8.8	17	0
Kenison, S.C.	9	74	8.2	27	0
K. Williams, Ariz.	9	71	7.9	16	0

Kickoff Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Bates, Car.	5	169	33.8	54	1
Goldfarb, M.D.	11	318	28.9	102	1
Mitchell, Was.	4	172	28.7	97	1
Lewis, M.T.	11	296	26.9	84	0
Schroeder, G.B.	6	160	26.7	40	0
Walker, Dal.	8	210	26.3	43	0
Millner, Dal.	9	208	23.1	42	0
Bonnie, Ariz.	6	156	22.7	27	0
Hughes, Chi.	7	182	22.5	41	0
K. Williams, Ariz.	5	112	22.4	33	0

Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
R. Harris, Chi.	4	4	0	0	24
Phillips, S.C.	4	4	0	0	24
Barber, M.T.	3	3	0	0	18
Carter, Min.	3	0	3	0	18
Moore, Dal.	3	0	3	0	18
Walls, Car.	3	0	3	0	18
Hastings, M.D.	2	0	2	0	14

American Football Conference

Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Blanton, M.E.	98	57	769	10	2
Elway, Den.	92	51	690	4	1
George, Oak.	90	52	879	4	2
O'Donnell, N.Y.	112	64	759	7	2
Matthews, Jac.	48	26	275	0	0
Testaverde, Bal.	112	71	820	6	5
Ericson, Bal.	97	55	686	3	1
Collins, Bal.	104	62	806	5	4
Blake, Chi.	80	49	569	2	3
Humphries, S.D.	51	25	267	1	0

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Martin, M.E.	87	375	4.3	33	1
Bennett, Tex.	58	322	5.6	29	2
Davis, Den.	68	311	4.6	16	2
Murrell, N.Y.	56	268	4.8	21	0
Kaufman, Oak.	48	256	5.3	6	3
Hill, K.C.	40	204	5.1	38	8
Betts, Phil.	42	197	4.7	19	1
Bynes, Bal.	44	195	4.4	19	0
Fank, Ind.	51	175	3.4	22	0
Heath, Jac.	49	152	3.1	18	3

Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
T. Brown, Oak.	23	302	13.1	59	3
Jackson, Bal.	19	309	16.3	54	2
Reed, Bal.	16	291	18.2	77	2
McMillan, Min.	16	202	12.6	39	0
Pickens, Oak.	16	178	11.1	34	2
Kison, K.C.	15	257	17.1	43	1
K. Johnson, N.Y.	15	216	14.4	39	1
Alexander, Bal.	15	184	12.3	45	1
Harrison, Ind.	15	126	8.4	14	0
Anders, K.C.	15	81	5.4	19	1

Punt Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Gordon, Den.	7	157	22.5	44	1
Jordan, Min.	7	109	15.6	38	0
Heggett, M.E.	13	177	13.6	35	0
Tucker, Bal.	9	109	12.1	47	0
Gray, Tex.	4	48	12.0	15	0

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Tommy, Chicago, 349	6	55	9.2	20	0
Elfranz, Seattle, 331	6	52	8.7	17	0
Barlow, Jac.	7	50	8.3	23	0
Metcalf, S.D.	6	48	8.0	13	0
Yastrow, L.C.	7	56	8.0	22	0

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Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Hebron, Den.	5	192	38.4	46	0
Glenn, N.Y.	7	233	33.3	96	1
Vanover, K.C.	14	451	32.2	94	1
Sailey, Ind.	15	450	30.0	41	0
J. Lewis, Bal.	4	118	29.5	42	0
Spikes, Min.	4	117	29.3	48	0
Howard, Oak.	9	250	27.8	40	0
Metcalf, S.D.	6	161	26.8	43	0
Dillon, Min.	5	129	25.8	58	0
Gray, Tex.	6	151	25.2	33	0

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Kicking

Player	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Hart, Min.	23	15-11	34	31
Elam, Den.	9-9	6-7	53	27
Hall, N.Y.	9-9	6-8	55	27
Vizcaino, M.E.	12-12	5-5	34	27
Stover, Bal.	8-8	6-6	41	26
Stymacovich, K.C.	2-3	7-8	46	23
Ford, Oak.	10-10	4-5	49	22
Christie, Bal.	6-6	5-5	44	21
Holtz, Jac.	8-8	4-5	52	20
Del Greco, Min.	2-2	5-4	37	17

Punters

Player	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Loza, M.E.	14	488	65	49.2
Barber, Jac.	11	535	64	48.6
Bennett, S.D.	18	642	66	46.8
Jo. Miller, Phil.	10	465	57	46.5
Herrick, Ind.	18	622	59	45.7
Basson, N.Y.	12	543	58	45.3
Johnson, Chi.	10	469	47	46.9
Wongmeyer, Bal.	11	492	53	44.7
Aguiar, K.C.	18	602	65	44.6
Imms, Tex.	13	578	57	44.5

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Cincinnati at Denver
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Arizona, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Union Carbide weighs down Dow

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - A discouraging profit forecast from Union Carbide weighed down the Dow Jones industrial average, but most stock indexes rose Friday as interest rates fell for the sixth straight session in the bond market.

The Dow fell just 5 points to 7,917 after trimming a 37-point deficit over the final half hour. If not for a big drop by Union Carbide, the blue-chip barometer would have shown a small gain for the day.

Broader stock indicators turned positive around midday, extending several record-setting streaks. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies closed at a record high for the sixth consecutive session and for the 15th time in 17 sessions.

Also setting new highs were the Nasdaq composite index and the American Stock exchange composite index. With no major economic reports released during the session, trading was dominated by the expiration of futures and options contracts on stocks and stock indexes - a quarterly event known as "triple witching."

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,389 up, 1,461 down and 569 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 630.54 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 566.85 million in the previous session.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list rose 3.22 to 950.51, moving back within 10 points of its early August peak. The NYSE composite index rose 1.15 to 496.56, just 0.44 below its August 6 record high.

The Nasdaq composite rose 10.35 to 1,680.37, its third record close this week. Asian stock markets ended the week generally higher Friday, with Philippine share prices rebounding after seven days of declines.

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STOCKS

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Currencies Markets wait for G7 forum

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The Mexican peso, meanwhile, rose to its strongest close since October 1996 on the strength of the surging Mexican stock market. Although Japan's burgeoning trade surplus, helped by a weak yen, is expected to be discussed at the meeting of finance officials from seven major industrialized nations, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said there would be no "dramatic statement" following the meeting.

"We're waiting for the G-7 to unfold... We're on our toes," said Bill Bertha, senior trader at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Thursday: 1.4630 Swiss francs, down from 1.4663; 5.9265 French francs, down from 5.9755; and 1.730 Italian lire, down from 1.736.15.

Table listing dollar crossrates for various currencies.

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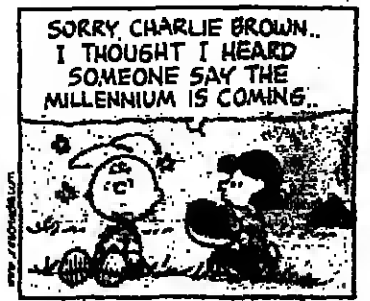
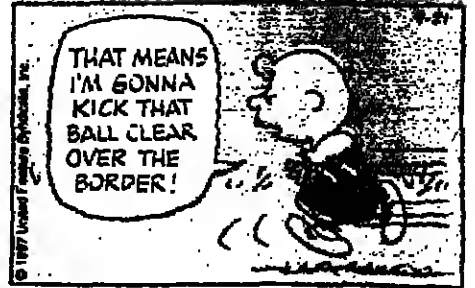
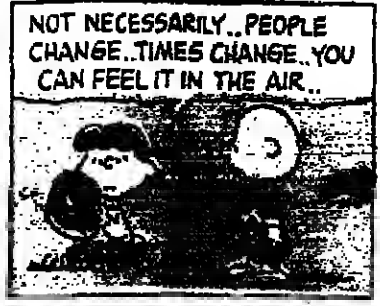
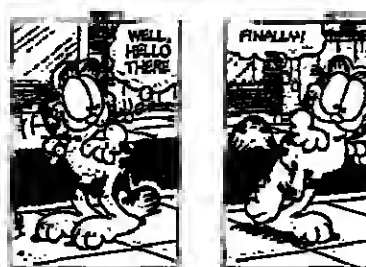
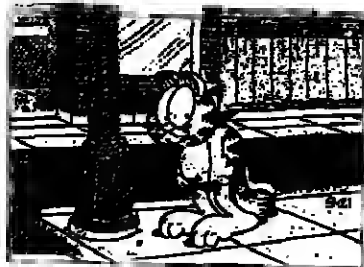
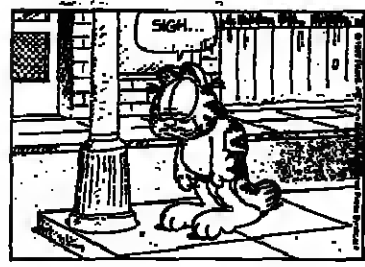
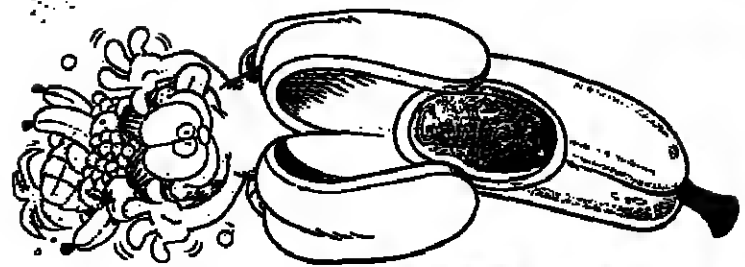
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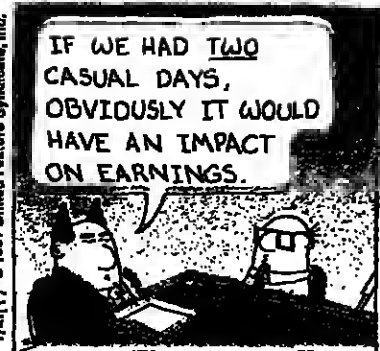
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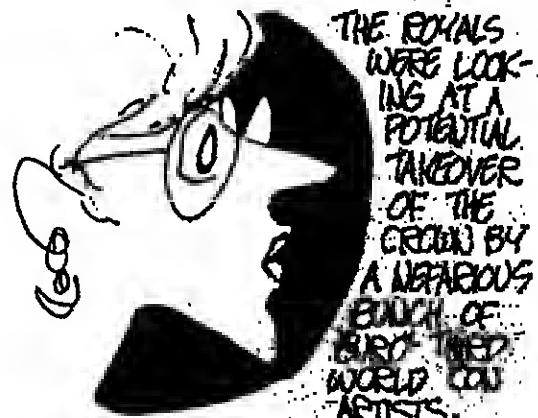
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WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THE ATTACKS ON THE TABLOIDS... TO SCARE 'EM OFF FROM PRINTING THE TRUTH.



I HAVEN'T YET WORKED OUT THE CONNECTION TO THE MOTHER TERESA HIT.



Calvin and Hobbes



CRITICS' CHOICE

FESTIVAL

HELEN KAYE

Not exactly! It's Agnon Week in Jerusalem. In honor of the city's unification 30 years ago, the municipality is sponsoring an entire week of activities focusing on the Nobel Prize winner S.Y. Agnon, for whom Jerusalem was home and the setting for most of his fiction.

Tonight an exhibition of illustrations for his book covers opens in the foyer of the Jerusalem Theater at 6 p.m.

Tomorrow there's an encounter with his children, Emma and Hemdat, remembering their father in the garden of the Agnon home at 16 Klausner St., at 7:30 p.m. (Hebrew). Friday there's a choice of walks through Agnon territory, and so on. (02) 561-9861

NOSTALGIA

HELEN KAYE

There's a real hunger for the past, for the days when we seemed to have a clear purpose. So it's not surprising that last season's walk through the songs and songwriters of Israel's early days proved so popular.

The same team of Dan Almagor and Efi Nitzan stars a new eight-part series tonight with *Left, Right*, dedicated to David Zohavi and Alexander (Sasha) Argov. At ZOA House, Tel Aviv, at 8:30 p.m. The series costs NIS 360. A single ticket is NIS 50.

EXHIBITION

HELEN KAYE

There should be more than cursory interest in the 130-photograph exhibition by Harry Weber entitled *Vienna Today - Contemporary Views of Jewish life*. Speaking to the Jews of Vienna, whose older representatives returned to their native city after the Holocaust, is akin to entering an eerie "we are Austrian" pre-1938 time warp. Antisemitism is alive and well, yet the Jews are part of Viennese consciousness, however awkwardly. Weber's pictures try to capture these apparent contradictions.

Weber fled Austria to the Palestine of 1938, served with the Allies in the Jewish Brigade, and returned to Vienna shortly after the war.

The exhibition is on loan from the Vienna Jewish Museum. At Jerusalem's International Congress Center (Binyanei Ha'uma) through October 21.

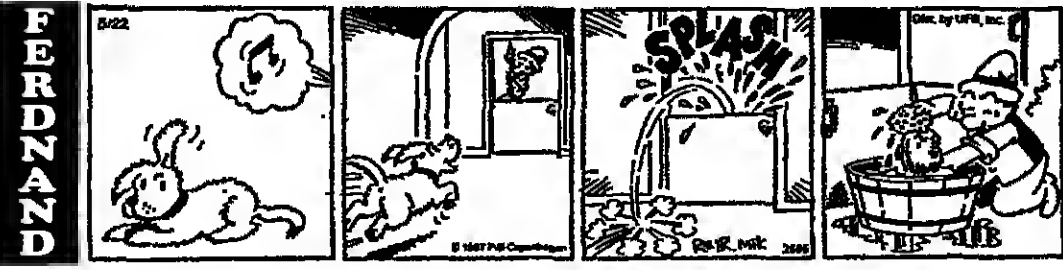


Jerusalem pays tribute to author S.Y. Agnon. (R.M. Kaelier)

FILM

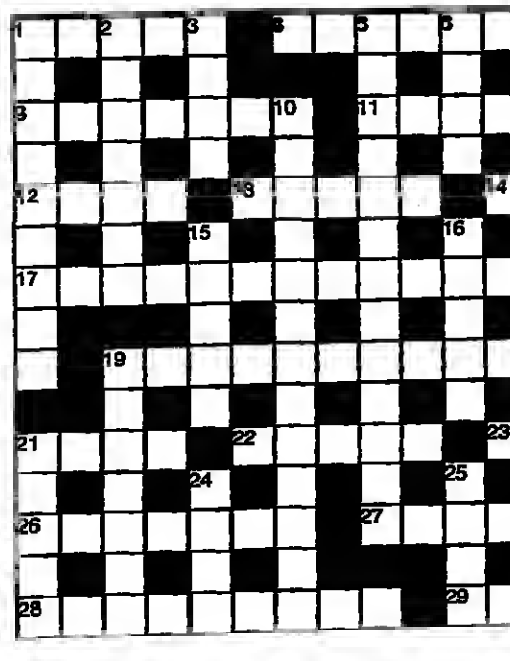
ADINA HOFFMAN

*** ROSEANNA'S GRAVE - A surprisingly sunny film about death and dying, this is the tale of a simple but well-meaning trattoria owner (Jean Reno) who lives with his beloved wife (Mercedes Ruehl) in a postcard-perfect Italian village where the cemetery has almost filled to maximum capacity. Roseanna is very sick and Marcello has embarked on a desperate campaign to keep the entire town alive and well so that, when the sad time comes, she might be buried in one of the last unoccupied plots. Unabashedly schmaltzy in places, the picture is, make no mistake, indefensible as art: shot in a too-quiet-to-be-tragic style on location, the film features American, British and French actors speaking English in "phony-sounding" (and occasionally incomprehensible) Italian accents, and Saul Turteltaub's script has a tendency to belly-flop into its stand-up-routine styled punch-lines. But the movie is charming in other, little ways. Reno's character is a singularly batty dark-comedy creation, Ruehl is delightful as always, and director Paul Weiland demonstrates unusual warmth and sympathy for all the characters, whose sentimental situation is constantly being jogged just slightly by the story's wry twists and turns. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)



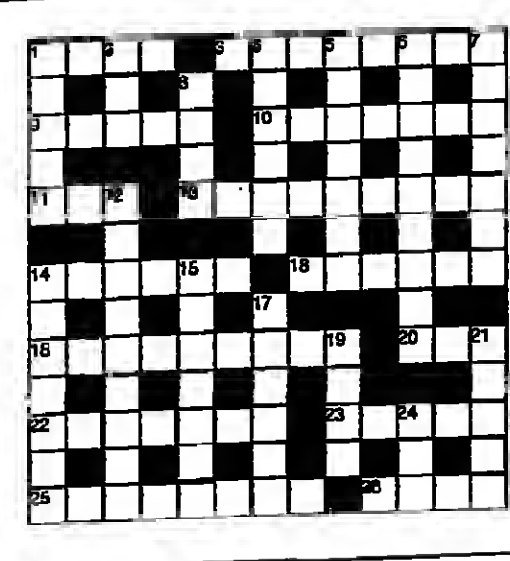
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 Money for basic food (5)
4 Modal actor in performance added embellishments (9)
9 Reckoned to have been set in tatch (7)
11 Old heretic everyone hacked in the name of Christ (7)
12 Fail to sleep (4)
13 Skin complaint familiar to apiarists (5)
14 A psalm before the start of Evensong in church (4)
17 Only just in time with the mincer (7,2,4)
19 Unwillingness to be in Diana's situation (13)
21 Philip Pirrip gets small English flute (4)
22 Vulgar, cold and discourteous (5)
23 A shade risqué (4)
26 T-4 term for a set of three (7)
27 The pragmatist is alert to change (7)
28 Safe to get artificial material (9)
29 Unhappy about a large vegetable dish (5)
DOWN
1 The shaven man is ashamed (5)
2 Achievement to turn to one's advantage (7)
3 Sea's hack a little information (4)
5 Pulled up with the shopping list (6,2,5)
6 In times of peril extinguish your anger (4)



SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Muzzle, 2 Boora, 3 Grog, 4 Moustard, 10 Cassowary, 13 Owe, 15 Gibbet, 14 Harcus, 17 III, 18 Sepulchre, 20 Zealand, 21 Ruler, 23 Enaid, 24 Styliah.



- ACROSS
1 Crucifix (4)
3 Memorandum (8)
9 Arabian goblin (5)
10 Violins (7)
11 Auditory organ (3)
13 Blond streak (9)
14 Spangle (6)
16 Type of shed (4-2)
18 Apiarist (9)
20 Flightless bird (3)
22 Segregate (7)
23 Separately (6)
25 Given a right (8)
26 Successor (4)
DOWN
1 Scoundrel (5)
2 Possess (3)
4 Graven image (6)
5 Gratify (7)
6 Assiduousness (9)
7 Italian rice dish (7)
8 Net (4)
12 Green cheese (9)
14 Exalted (7)
15 Imprecise (7)
17 Globe (6)
19 Harvest (4)
21 Complete (5)
24 Yes (3)

TV

- 13:10 Cartoons
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15:00 American Chart Show
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20:30 Gitter - with Ernest Erlich
22:00 Blown Away (1994) - action thriller with Jeff Bridges and Tommy Lee Jones
00:05 Blown Away, cont'd
00:35 Drawers of the Heart - original drama
1:20 1996 Jazz at the Red Sea Festival - Israeli live stars
2:10 Licking the Raspberry (Hebrew, 1991) - musical about an unofficial army entertainment troupe that protests against the Army's discrimination of a talented Sephardi singer. With Uri Barish, Aki Avni, Tammy Yot, Sassi Keshet and Albert Iuz. Directed by Uri Barish
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Mandela: Follow S. African peace model

By BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

President Nelson Mandela on Friday urged parties in the Middle East to shun war and follow South Africa's example of reconciliation and peace.

Receiving an honorary doctorate in Cape Town from Ben-Gurion University, Mandela, who launched the black guerrilla war against white rule in 1961, praised civilians trying to bridge the conflict between Arabs and Jews, and announced that he planned to visit the Middle East next year.

Dr. Avishai Braverman, president of Ben-Gurion University presented the award, witnessed by representatives of 14 South African universities, in recognition of Mandela's "pursuit of democracy and human rights."

In his acceptance speech Mandela said, "Today, we cannot but share the anxiety of all those who are concerned for peace at the loss of momentum, at the erosion of trust...and at the rising level of tensions in which extremism on either side thrives."

"Today, at the end of a century which has seen such a desert of devastation caused by horrific wars, a century which at last has gained much experience in the painful resolution of conflicts, we must ask: Is this a time for war? Is this a time for sending young men to their death?" Speaking before Mandela, Dan Tichon, speaker of the Knesset, promised that a recent wave of suicide bombings would not be allowed to derail the stalled peace process.

"Peace will in the end prevail. Though Arab terrorism continues to destroy the peace process, spreading death and suffering, we

will not allow the destruction of the hopes for peace," he said.

Tichon praised Mandela for guiding South Africa peacefully from apartheid to democracy since his release from political imprisonment in 1990, saying: "President Mandela symbolises the triumph of faith and hope over despair and hatred, the triumph of love and brotherhood over the regime of oppression and evil."

"President Mandela has experience enough to tell us that had terrorism been given the right to resolve conflict, his now free country would have overflowed with rivers of blood." Tichon did not refer to the 30-year armed campaign by Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the armed wing of Mandela's African National Congress (ANC).

The ANC abandoned the armed struggle, which included bomb and gun attacks of civilians throughout the country, only when the white government abandoned apartheid and agreed terms for a transition to democracy, which began with elections in 1994.

Tichon invited Mandela to visit Israel, saying: "I have no doubt that you, the architect of reconciliation in South Africa, would contribute to an enduring peace in our region. We hope to see you soon in the holy land." Mandela, who has bolstered peace efforts to more than a dozen countries, accepted for next year but has three times cancelled a proposed visit to the Middle East.

Mandela who is expected to be succeeded within the next two years by his deputy Thabo Mbeki said that leaders had a special responsibility to create the conditions for the successful negotia-



Ben-Gurion University president Avishai Braverman presents South Africa's President Nelson Mandela with an honorary doctorate Friday in Cape Town.

tion of an end to conflict. "South Africa does not believe it can solve the problems of others, but we do believe that our

own humble experience has shown that negotiated solutions can be found even to conflicts that have come to seem intractable,"

he said. President Ezer Weizman sent a congratulatory letter, saying "We pray that our leaders will have the

same courage and wisdom that you have displayed in confronting problems of peaceful coexistence."

UIA allocates millions for Israel's Reform, Conservative movements

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The United Israel Appeal has allocated almost \$5 million for the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel, although only half of that appears to be directed at programming for Israelis.

The United Jewish Appeal, meanwhile, has agreed to try to raise \$10 million each for the two movements. But that deal is contingent on the UIA's success in its regular fund-raising. The UIA raises about \$750 million a year. The amounts for the religious streams, which are small relative to the fund-raising totals, seem destined for programs that have

been called unimaginative. It appears that a lot of the funds are to be used to cover routine costs and operating expenses, not for outreach to Israelis.

Some \$14 million of the UIA's 1997 budget is aimed at programs for Jewish "unity" - the code word for "pluralism." About \$6 million is allocated for programs that are not associated with any religious stream, such as the Pardes Institute. The allocations for the religious streams have been nearly doubled, to \$2.2 million to the Reform movement and \$2.9 million each to the Conservative and Orthodox movements.

The UIA allocates to the Jewish Agency about \$220 million of the money raised in the US by the UIA and the local Jewish federations.

Although the Reform and Conservative movements have mounted an active campaign to expand their bases in Israel, and have been frustrated at their slow progress, much of their agency-supported programming is not intended for Israelis or to influence Israeli society.

"It is our view that around half is spent directly on programs with or for Israeli citizens," Rabbi

Daniel Allen, UIA's executive director, said Friday. "They are benefiting from the national UIA campaign in a major way for their own constituents from America. But at some point, everybody has to put their shekels where their mouth is."

In the last few months, the Reform and Conservative movements and the UIA honed a deal in which UIA committed itself to pursue a separate campaign to raise an additional \$20 million for the Reform and Conservative movements' operations.

In a joint statement at week's end, the Reform movement leaders - Rabbis Eric Yoffie, Paul Meniotoff and Ammie Hirsch - urged their rabbis and congregations to cooperate with the UIA.

"The most important issue for us is to begin directing large amounts of resources to Israel operations," the leadership statement said. "In the long run, the only way we can change the climate in Israel is to build on our presence there. This requires large investments of money. The fact that we were able to persuade our federation friends that it is within their interest to help us is, in itself, a significant development."

Foreign Ministry concerned about Turks' delay in accepting envoy

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The Foreign Ministry is concerned about the inordinate delay in Ankara's acceptance of Ehud Toledano as ambassador to Turkey.

Although the Tel Aviv University professor who specializes in Ottoman history was approved by the ministry's appointments committee July 15 and the traditional agreement was requested August 1, the Turks have not responded.

Official sources here suspect that the ambassador-designate's presentation of credentials is being held up because of Turkish suspicions that he believes the Ottomans committed genocide against the empire's Armenian minority during World War I.

This notion surfaced in an extreme right-wing Turkish newspaper, *Yeni Gunaydin*, last Thursday. It cited an interview said to have been given by

Toledano 15 years ago to Army Radio, in which he reportedly accused Ottoman Turkey of slaughtering the Armenians.

Toledano described the report as a "fascist" slur, saying the interview in question was incorrectly translated into Turkish, and he was thus being blamed for comments he did not make.

Toledano pointed out that he supported the Tel Aviv Municipality's decision to name his mentor, Prof. Bernard Lewis, as an Honorary Fellow of Tel Aviv. Lewis's selection was vehemently opposed by individuals who fault him for denying that Turkey was guilty of genocide.

"I also reject that charge," Toledano said. "As a Jew, I know what genocide is. It was committed by Nazi Germany against our people. Turkey's treatment of the Armenians eight decades ago cannot be put into the same historical category."

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Israeli-Cuban group launches \$200m. Havana office project

HAVANA (Reuters) - An Israeli-Cuban joint venture announced on Friday the start of a 10-year, \$200 million construction project to build a major business center in Havana which will rent modern offices to foreign and Cuban companies.

The first two six-floor office buildings of the Miramar Trade Center, to be situated in Havana's Miramar district, are scheduled to be completed within 18 months,

executives from the Monte Barreto S.A. real estate company told a news conference.

The whole project foresees a total of 18 office blocks.

Monte Barreto is a joint venture between an Israeli company, B.M. Group, and Lares S.A., the real estate arm of the Cuban state hard currency corporation Cubalec.

Enrique Rotenberg, the general manager of Monte Barreto, said the

trade center office project was designed to meet heavy growing demand for modern offices from foreign businessmen and investors working in communist-ruled Cuba.

While the Israeli-Cuban joint venture would operate the office center, its actual construction was the responsibility of a Spanish-Cuban joint venture, INDUCOMER S.A.

This building group, which brings together the Cuban construction firm COI No 3 (repeat COI No 3), and a Spanish company, TAIM TFG, won an international tender for the project.

Monte Barreto would start taking initial rental reservations from foreign and Cuban companies next month. Rents would be payable in

hard currency at prices above \$20 per square meter.

The Israeli Group B.M. already runs a citrus farm in Cuba and is also involved in the sugar sector.

It has received a warning from the US State Department that its business in Cuba could be in violation of the March 1996 US Helms-Burton Law, which threatens sanctions against foreign investors on the island judged to be "trafficking in expropriated, formerly US-owned property."

Asked about the US warning and possible sanctions, Rotenberg said "this law does not concern us."

"We are working in accordance with the laws of Israel and Cuba," he added.

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